

## TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Public Agency Center  
West Bend, WI

April 18, 2005  
8:30 a.m.

Present: Delores E. Kruepke, Donald H. Roskopf, and Joan A. Russell.

Excused: Harold W. Groth, and Lawrence S. Hoffman.

Also present: Linda Olson, Office on Aging Director; Gary Turtenwald, Riteway, Inc.; Michelle Wagner, PMSI; Sue Grondine, and Michelle Dreves, G&G Enterprises; and Mary G. Lemke, Chief Deputy Clerk.

Mr. Roskopf called the meeting to order and read the Affidavit of Posting.

### MINUTES

Moved by Ms. Kruepke, seconded by Ms. Russell to approve the minutes of February 21, 2005, as presented. Motion carried.

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Olson distributed information on the Washington County Senior Conference. It will be held Thursday, May 5, 2005, at the Washington County Fair Park Pavilion. Ms. Olson distributed a draft of the Washington County Commuter Express, and the WCCE Connection newsletter being distributed to the riders.

Ms. Olson informed the Committee that the West Bend Park & Ride would be delayed again. The Department of Transportation was to present to the City of West Bend, a plan to include a transportation center at the park and ride. Once the plan was approved, the Department of Transportation would send out a Request for Proposal. As of today's date, the City of West Bend has not received any plans. It was suggested that this situation be mentioned in the next WCCE newsletter and stress to riders that they should submit letters to the Transit Office. Ms. Olson would then distribute the letters to the appropriate individuals.

Ms. Olson went through the WCCE Ridership Summary 2002-2005 and also the 2004 Rietway Bus Report.

Ms. Olson introduced Mary Sherman to the Committee and stated that Ms. Sherman uses the taxi service quite a bit.

Ms. Olson stated that Synergy Health is giving a donation of \$10,000 towards the purchase of a vehicle to be used in the shared ride taxi service.. Ms. Olson informed the Committee that when the hospital relocates, we would still be transporting people to the new facility. In an effort to create goodwill, Synergy Health will actually provide the matching requirements.

Mr. Turtenwald of Riteway distributed brochures on the new bus they will be trying out; the bus arrives on Friday. The seating capacity is 49. Riteway will be trying this out to see how the riders accept it and to get their input. Mr. Turtenwald also mentioned that they would be distributing a WCCE Customer Survey for the Nova Bus Demonstration.

Ms. Sherman stated that she rode the bus with the lift last year several times and the feedback was very positive that Washington County now has something that was acceptable for everyone.

Ms. Wagner stated that the website has a new look and more information for the park and ride. The website is [www.ridewcce.com](http://www.ridewcce.com).

Ms. Grondine of G&G Enterprises informed the Committee that the Taxi Service has been extremely busy.

Ms. Olson stated that another interesting item during 2004 was that ridership on the downtown Milwaukee route increased 51% and ridership on the Milwaukee Regional Medical Center route increased 61%. In the first three months of 2005, ridership has increased another 10%.

Ms. Olson went through the Proposed Park & Ride Site Annual Reduction of Auto Trips and Auto Miles sheet and the projected 2005 WCCE Reduction of Auto Trips and Auto Miles sheet.

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2 Ms. Olson informed the Committee that she has received quite a few letters of support for  
3 the new Park & Ride. Some of the letters are from Sheriff Rahn, Town of Richfield,  
4 Town of Polk, Steve Plier, and Dean Gunderson.

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6 **REPORT ON CMAQ GRANT APPLICATION**

7 Ms. Olson distributed copies of the completed application for requesting CMAQ funds  
8 for years 2006-2008 from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. These funds  
9 would be used for the acquisition of property and construction of a park and ride lot in  
10 the vicinity of Hwy 41 and Hwy 45 intersection.

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12 Ms. Olson explained that in the application for year 2008, \$100,000 has been requested  
13 for a feasibility study of further development of the site as a transit center, which would  
14 include restrooms, indoor waiting area, etc. Ms. Olson believes this is going to cost more  
15 than what she had planned, and is requesting authorization to increase the request for  
16 funding by \$25,000. This request must be submitted to Administrative Coordinator Doug  
17 Johnson by May 14, 2005.

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19 Moved by Ms. Russell, seconded by Ms. Kruepke to authorize Ms. Olson request an  
20 additional \$25,000 to update the Park & Ride plan and submit this request to  
21 Administration. Motion carried.

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23 **APPOINTMENT OF TRANSIT COMMITTEE MEMBER TO MULTI-**  
24 **JURISDICTIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

25 Ms. Olson stated that the Transit Committee needs to appoint an individual to be placed  
26 on the Multi-Jurisdictional Planning Advisory Committee. Mr. Hoffman is on the Home  
27 Consortium Committee, so he will not be able to be on the Multi-Jurisdictional Planning  
28 Advisory Committee. Ms. Olson explained that the meetings are once a month for  
29 approximately 2 1/2 hours, and these meetings would begin in May. This process could  
30 extend out about three years. Moved by Ms. Russell, seconded by Ms. Kruepke to  
31 appoint Mr. Roskopf to the Multi-Jurisdictional Planning Advisory Committee. Motion  
32 carried.

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34 **NEXT MEETING DATE**

35 Ms. Olson stated she did not think the Transit Committee needed to meet in May 2005.  
36 The next meeting will be Monday, June 20, 2005, at 8:30 a.m. in Room 1000A.

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38 **ADJOURNMENT**

39 Moved by Ms. Krupke, seconded by Ms. Russell to adjourn at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried.  
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Mary G. Lemke, Chief Deputy Clerk