

1 **TRANSIT COMMITTEE**

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3 Government Center  
4 West Bend, WI

July 30, 2007  
9:00 a.m.

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6 Present: Rick Gundrum, Lawrence S. Hoffman, Roy C. Justman, and Joan A. Russell.

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8 Excused: Paul A. Tuchscherer.

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10 Also present: Linda Olson, Aging & Disability Resource Center Director; Doug Johnson,  
11 Administrative Coordinator; Al Beck, SEWRPC; Dave Lowe, Department of  
12 Transportation Railroads and Harbors; Ron Bast, Jim Christian, and Gary Turtenwald,  
13 Riteway, Inc.; Steve Johnson, and Sandy Ziehr, Johnson Bus; Michelle Wagner, PMSI;  
14 and Mary G. Lemke, Chief Deputy Clerk.

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16 Chairperson Hoffman called the meeting to order and read the Affidavit of Posting.

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18 **MINUTES**

19 Moved by Mr. Gundrum, seconded by Mr. Justman to approve the minutes of June 25,  
20 2007, as presented. Motion carried.

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22 **REPORT ON POSSIBLE CITY/COUNTY TAXI MERGER**

23 Appearance: Al Beck, SEWRPC and Dave Lowe, Department of Transportation

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25 Mr. Beck stated that earlier this year, SEWRPC was asked to do an analysis of some of  
26 the issues related to the incorporation of the City of West Bend’s shared ride taxi service  
27 into the Washington County shared ride taxi service. Ms. Olson distributed a copy of a  
28 letter from SEWRPC that was sent to Doug Johnson last week regarding the possible  
29 merger. Mr. Beck reviewed the proposed questions and then gave a summary of the  
30 response to the questions related to combining the operations of the two taxi services.

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32 Mr. Beck informed the committee that bookkeeping and accounting is going to be more  
33 complex, however, a combined system could provide better service and increased  
34 ridership.

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36 Moved by Mr. Gundrum, seconded by Mr. Johnson to move forward with the initiative of  
37 a merger of the County’s and City of West Bend’s taxi services in January 1, 2009.  
38 Motion carried.

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40 **REQUEST FROM ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR REGARDING**  
41 **POSSIBLE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION**

42 Mr. Johnson informed the committee that the plan for a merger of the Transit Services in  
43 to Highway includes the hiring of one full-time position which would be located in the  
44 Highway Department. This position would oversee the county’s shared ride taxi and  
45 commuter express. This individual would be working ¾ time on Transit and ¼ of the  
46 time for Highway. Once the merger takes place, there will be one committee which

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3 would be called the Transportation Committee, that would cover Highway and Transit  
4 services.

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6 Mr. Johnson stated that he has asked the Highway and Transit department to include the  
7 position in their 2008 budgets to gauge how much funding would be needed for the  
8 reorganization.

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10 **PARK & RIDE UPDATES**

11 Ms. Olson informed the committee that the West Bend Park & Ride opened today.

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13 Mr. Turtenwald stated that the first day of the Washington County Commuter Express  
14 service to the new Paradise Road Park-and-Ride went smoothly, and that they did have  
15 all the drivers up for a dry run last week.

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17 **WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUTER EXPRESS**

18 Ms. Wagner distributed and reviewed the 2007 WCCE ridership summary.

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20 Ms. Wagner informed the committee that there will be more schedule updates coming  
21 because of the closing of Connell Avenue which will be closed for 18 months.

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23 **WASHINGTON COUNTY SHARED RIDE TAXI**

24 Ms. Olson distributed and explained the Washington County 2006 vs 2007 Share Ride  
25 Taxi chart.

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27 Mr. Steve Johnson informed the committee that the server for Route Match was updated  
28 last Friday, and on Monday it was discovered that some the data was lost, which resulted  
29 in a few of the riders not being picked up. Mr. Steve Johnson stated that in June the  
30 ridership was up.

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32 **NEXT MEETING DATE**

33 The next meeting will be Monday, August 27, 2007, at 9:00 a.m.

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35 **ADJOURNMENT**

36 Moved by Mr. Justman, seconded by Mr. Gundrum to adjourn at 10:47 a.m. Motion  
37 carried.

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40 Brenda J. Jaszewski, County Clerk