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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Transit Commission

Thursday, January 29, 2026

4:30 PM

Room 303

Call To Order

Alder Horton called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT: 7 - Santos, Weit, Leonard, Horton, Weiss, Pabon and Bhatia

EXCUSED: 1 - Anastasio

Approval of Minutes for the October 30, 2025 Meeting.

A motion was made by Alder Pabon, seconded by Commissioner Leonard, to approve the minutes. The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: 6 - Weit, Leonard, Horton, Weiss, Pabon and Bhatia

EXCUSED: 2 - Santos and Anastasio

0078-26

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the Transit & Mobility Director requesting permission to apply for funding through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's FFY26-FY31 Surface Transportation Program for replacement of 5 RYDE Racine fixed-route buses.

Transit Commission Recommendation: That the Transit & Mobility Director be granted permission to apply for funding through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's FFY26-FY31 Surface Transportation Program for replacement of 5 fixed-route transit buses. Grant Control # 00695.

Fiscal Note: Total cost of vehicle replacement project \$4,000,000 with grant amount being \$3,200,000, 20% local match of \$800,000 will be available in the 2028 capital plan under 60282011 57310.

Commissioner Bhatia made a motion, seconded by Alder Pabon, to recommend item 0078-26 for approval by the Common Council. Motion passed unanimously.

0079-26

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the Transit & Mobility Director requesting permission to execute an agreement to purchase two Gillig 35'ft fixed-route transit buses for approximately \$1,600,000.

Transit Commission Recommendation: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the agreement to purchase two

Gillig 35'ft fixed-route transit buses for approximately \$1,600,000.

Fiscal Note: Total approximate cost of the vehicle replacement project is approximately \$1,600,000 with grant amount being \$624,250, local match of \$641,750 available in the capital plan under 60282011 57310, and \$334,000 available in insurance recovery.

A motion was made by Alder Pabon, seconded by Commissioner Weiss, to recommend item 0079-26 for approval by the Common Council. Motion passed unanimously.

[0080-26](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the Transit & Mobility Director, requesting approval of RYDE Racine's 2026-2028 Title VI Program as required by rule 49 CFR part 21.

Staff Recommendation: That the Transit Commission approve RYDE Racine's 2026-2028 Title VI Program as required by rule 49 CFR part 21.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Leonard, seconded by Commissioner Weit, to approve item 0080-26. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Alder Horton at 4:43 p.m.