



City of Racine, Wisconsin

AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORADUM

AGENDA DATE: Transit Commission, October 30th, 2025

PREPARED BY: Trevor Jung, Transit & Mobility Director

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the Transit & Mobility Director, requesting authorization to execute an agreement to purchase two paratransit vehicles for approximately \$300,000.

BACKGROUND:

RYDE Racine has an aging paratransit vehicle fleet in need of replacement to meet service demands and operational needs. The Public Transit Assistance Program (PTAP) will contribute to the replacement of 2 of the system's 9 cutaway vehicles in the fleet.

These 2 paratransit vehicles will have met their useful life benchmark at the time of their replacement. According to the Federal Transit Administration, these vehicles will meet their useful life benchmark (ULB) based on years in service and projected miles traveled by the year of replacement, 2023. Miles traveled is also expected to increase based on anticipated growth in ridership.

Useful Life Benchmark is defined by the FTA as, "the expected life cycle or the acceptable period of use in service for a capital asset, as determined by a transit provider, or the default benchmark provided by FTA." The FTA's ULB for paratransit (cutaway) vehicles is 7 years and/or 200,000 miles. In addition to FTA standards for replacement vehicles, the deteriorating condition of the vehicles call for replacement. The updated paratransit vehicles will result in improved customer experience and reduced maintenance costs.

The City of Racine will purchase these vehicles through a contract WisDOT has set up specifically for agencies to use capital grants to purchase minivans, minibuses, medium and large buses with several vendors.

BUDGETARY IMPACT: Total approximate cost of the vehicle replacement project is \$300,000 with grant amount being \$240,000, local amount of \$60,000 available in the capital plan under grant control #00648.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the agreement to purchase two paratransit vehicles for approximately \$300,000.