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Alder. Mollie Jones, Chairperson
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Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Transit & Mobility Director, requesting permission to apply for the 2024 Public Transit Assistance Program Grant (PTAP) through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Grant Control #00532 (State Operating), #00535 (Federal Operating), #00531 (State Paratransit), #00536 (State Capital).

The City of Racine is applying for transit capital and operating assistance under s. 85.20 of the Wisconsin Statutes to offset expenses it incurs due to operating a public transit system for calendar year (CY) 2024.

The City of Racine's federal and state operating cost-share amount for transit service is determined by a formula set forth by Wis. Stats. 85.20, 85.205, & Federal Transit Administration.

Transit systems in urban areas with populations between 50,000 and 200,000 may utilize funds through PTAP for capital or operating assistance. There are 24 systems currently operating in Wisconsin providing bus service within urbanized areas of that size. Annual Section 5307 grant amounts are determined directly by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for large urban systems, while a distribution of a statewide FTA allocation is determined via formula for systems serving a population between 50,000 and 200,000 people.

These systems also receive funding through the State Urban Mass Transit Operating Assistance program. Approximately one-half of total annual operating expenses for Wisconsin transit systems are reimbursed through state and federal grants.

Sincerely,
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Transit & Mobility Director

Cc: Mayor Cory Mason
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