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TO: The Mayor and Members of the Common Council

FROM: Al Stanek
Transit and Parking System Manager

SUBJECT: Approval to Pursue Federal Funding for Potential Bus Replacements

The Federal Transit Administration has announced several new grant opportunities for funding bus replacements and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has agreed to submit a single grant application for interested Wisconsin communities. The Parking and Transit Systems Manager is requesting permission to submit application materials for the WisDOT joint application and potentially for other grant programs in the coming 12 months in an effort to significantly reduce bus operating expense, improve bus service and improve area air quality. Potential bus replacements local costs will not exceed amounts provided for in Racine Capital Improvement Programs (CIP) and will be in conformity with the regional plan commission Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).