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TO: Deborah Ganaway, Chairman  
Transit and Parking Commission

FROM: Al Stanek  
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SUBJECT: Revisions to US Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant No. WI-04-0037-00

Earlier this year the Transit and Parking Commission and Common Council authorized negotiations with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regarding alterations to a previously approved grant for real time schedule information technology in Belle Urban System (BUS) shelters. Our more immediate pressing needs for operating equipment and/or facility improvements were deemed a higher priority.

This memo serves as notice that the FTA has tentatively agreed to amend the above grant to replace critical maintenance equipment, make needed facility repairs, equip paratransit vehicles with cameras and radios, and make required changes in BUS radio communications equipment to meet federally mandated narrow-banding requirements along with purchasing additional basic bus shelters.

The grant award is \$380,000 and the required 20% (\$95,000) local share is provided for in the City of Racine Capital Improvements Program (CIP). A revision to the SEWRPC (SE WI Regional Planning Commission) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be required to add the mandated radio system update.