



**City of Racine, Wisconsin**  
**AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORADUM**

**AGENDA DATE:** Transit Commission, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**PREPARED BY:** Trevor Jung, Transit & Mobility Director

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Communication sponsored by Alder Jones, on behalf of the Transit & Mobility Director, requesting authorization to execute an agreement to purchase four paratransit vehicles for approximately \$564,748.00.

**BACKGROUND:**

RYDE Racine has an aging paratransit vehicle fleet in need of replacement to meet service demands and operational needs. Both the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's FFY22 STP-Urban, STP-Rural and Local Bridge Program grant and the 2022 Public Transit Assistance Program (PTAP) will contribute to the replacement of 4 of the system's 9 cutaway vehicles in the fleet.

These 4 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 *Purchasing Consortium*. A purchasing consortium is a collaborative arrangement where organizations combine their requirements for goods, works, and services to gain better pricing. It is considered "piggybacking" from state contracts, which document and process procurement procedures for organizations and allows for purchase directly through shared contracts.

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:** Total approximate cost of the vehicle replacement project is \$564,784.00 with grant amount being \$451,798.00, local match of \$112,986.00 available in the capital plan under 60282011 57310 82008.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the agreement to purchase four paratransit vehicles for approximately \$564,748.00.