



City of Racine, Wisconsin

AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORADUM

AGENDA DATE: Transit Commission, March 26, 2026

SUBJECT: Communication sponsored by Alder Horton, on behalf of the Transit & Mobility Director, requesting authorization to execute an agreement to purchase two support vehicles not to exceed \$100,000 from Ewald Automotive Group.

PREPARED BY: Trevor Jung, Transit & Mobility Director

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Authorization is requested for the purchase of two replacement support vehicles for RYDE Racine at an estimated total cost of approximately \$100,000. Replacing these vehicles will improve operational reliability, reduce maintenance expenses, and support safe and efficient transit service delivery.

BACKGROUND: The first vehicle proposed for replacement is an operators' support vehicle used as a relief vehicle during shift changes. This unit, a 2010 Ford Expedition with 215,388 miles, was originally purchased used from the Racine Fire Department. At 16 years old, it now requires frequent repairs and ongoing maintenance, leading to increased downtime and reduced reliability.

The second vehicle is a supervisory vehicle essential to daily transit operations. This unit, a 2017 Dodge Caravan with 180,317 miles, is 9 years old and is beginning to require extensive repairs and consistent maintenance, negatively affecting operational efficiency.

The City of Racine will procure the replacement of these vehicles through a WisDOT-established contract designed specifically for agencies to purchase support vehicles, minibuses, and fixed-route buses from multiple vendors, in compliance with state, local, and federal competitive bidding requirements.

BUDGETARY IMPACT: Total approximate cost of the vehicle replacement project is \$100,000 available in the 2025 and 2026 Transit Department capital plan.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the agreement to purchase two support vehicles not to exceed \$100,000 from Ewald Automotive Group.