



Date: June 18, 2020

To: Fox Cities Transit Commission

From: Ron McDonald

Re: General Managers Update

Greetings Fox Cities Transit Commissioners,

Valley Transit continues to provide critical infrastructure throughout this health emergency. Passengers are utilizing Valley Transit services to get to and from their employment.

Ridership is slowly beginning to climb upward but remains well below pre-COVID levels. Passengers are being asked to wear a face covering, physical distance themselves at least 6' from others, and stay home if they're sick.

The Valley Transit Center is open for access to the Ticket Vending Machine (TVM). The indoor passenger waiting area and the public restrooms remain closed.

The Downtown Trolley Service began its summer operation on June 4, 2020. As in years past, the Trolley operates Thursday & Friday 5 pm – 11 pm and on Saturday 8 am – 11 pm.

Due to the absence of Fox Cities Transit Commission meetings related to COVID-19, the City of Appleton Committee of the Whole recommended approval of contracts with Red Shoes, Inc. and Star Security and Patrol. In addition, they recommended approval for capital purchases including a floor sweeper / scrubber and a diesel fuel pump replacement. All projects were at or under projected budget and approved by the Common Council.

There are two current capital projects out as a Request for Proposal (RFP). Included is a fuel management system and a Valley Transit Facility Condition Assessment and Master Plan.

Five-40' New Flyer buses entered line production on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. Delivery is anticipated in August.

Valley Transit is having discussions with Go Transit (Oshkosh), Winnebago County, and East Central Planning Commission related to an I-41 Commuter Service Pilot Program.

Valley Transit refreshed its logo. New logo will slowly be integrated into all materials.

Respectfully,

  
Ron McDonald