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To: Fox Cities Transit Commission

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Subject: Exercise First Option Year for Kobussen Buses for Outagamie Rural Transportation Services in Outagamie County for 2014

The Outagamie Rural Transportation Service is a demand responsive paratransit transportation for elderly and disabled passengers in the non-urbanized areas of Outagamie County. The service provides transportation into and out of the Valley Transit ADA service area and in some cases into Green Bay (with prior day notification).

Kobussen Buses currently provides this service with December 31, 2013 concluding their three year contract. This contract includes two option years available for 2014 and 2015. The contract contains a fuel escalator clause which remains the same for contract option years. The option years include a price adjustment based on the Consumer Price Index change as of July 1 each preceding year applied to the cost per ride. Based on this data, Kobussen has agreed to continue to provide the Rural Transportation service with a 1.5% increase over the 2013 rate. This rate change increases the current per ride charge from \$28.71 to \$29.14.

Valley Transit's 2014 budget includes \$223,712 for this service with an estimated State and Federal government funding of 56.4% of the operating costs. The local share is paid for by Outagamie County. There are no City of Appleton funds used to support the Outagamie Rural Transportation Service.

Valley Transit, Outagamie County and Kobussen Buses have agreed to exercise the first option year of the current contract. Kobussen Buses will continue to provide the Outagamie Rural Transportation service in 2014.