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To: Fox Cities Transit Commission

From: Deborah Wetter – General Manager

Subject: Exercising Second Option Year with Lamers Bus Lines to provide 2015 Downtown Appleton Trolley Service

On June 26, 2013, the Fox Cities Transit Commission approved a one year contract with two one year options for Lamers Bus Lines to provide the Downtown Appleton Trolley Service for Valley Transit from June 5, 2014 through September 26, 2014 at a rate of \$72.29 per hour.

Lamers Bus Lines has been providing the Downtown Appleton Trolley Service since 2006, and are a local company, who provides charter, school bus, shuttle and specialized transportation services. They have five trolley buses available to provide the service, so a backup vehicle should always be available in case of mechanical issues. The proposed hourly cost for the 2015 option year remains the same as last year - \$72.29 per hour. The Valley Transit 2015 budget includes \$30,024.00 for the trolley service, with Appleton Downtown, Inc. (ADI) paying the local share.

The Downtown Appleton Trolley operates on Thursdays and Fridays from 5 p.m. until 11 p.m., and all day on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. During 2014, there were 6,904 rides provided by the Trolley service as compared to 5,756 in 2013.

Lamers Bus Lines has agreed to continue to provide Downtown Appleton Trolley Service in 2015 at a cost of \$72.29 per hour. We have exercised the second option year with Lamers bus Lines and asked them to continue providing Downtown Appleton Trolley Service for 2015.