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TO: Municipal Services Committee

FROM: Paula Vandehey, Director of Public Works

DATE: February 17, 2022

SUBJECT: Update on Transportation Utility Funding Study.

In September 2021, the Common Council awarded the Transportation Utility Funding Study to the Ehlers/raSmith team in response to Resolution #9-R-21. Below are highlights of what has transpired over the past few months.

- Meeting with Ehlers/raSmith to review several scenarios for them to develop for consideration by the Common Council.
- Communicating with other communities that are conducting, or considering conducting, Transportation Utility Funding studies.
- Tracking a lawsuit filed by the Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty against Town of Buchanan for their 2019 voter approved Transportation Utility Fee.
- Tracking proposed legislation regarding transportation user fees. Under LRB 5085, if revenues are realized through imposing a transportation user fee, property levies must be reduced by the same amount, unless a referendum is passed by voters to waive the property tax levy reduction.

We will continue to update the Committee as more information is available.

C: Mayor Jacob A. Woodford

