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TO: Transit Commission

FROM: Dean R. Gazza

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RE: Action: Award the “Valley Transit Bus Lift Replacement Project” to Miron Construction Co, Inc in the amount of \$861,921 with a contingency of 10% for a project total not to exceed \$948,113.

BACKGROUND

The Valley Transit Whitman Avenue Maintenance Facility currently has two in-ground hydraulic piston lifts that have failed and can no longer be used. At present, there are no functioning lifts capable of raising a bus by its axles, which is critical to routine inspections, servicing, and major repair work.

The proposed project includes:

- Removal of the existing piston-style lifts and demolition of the associated concrete pits.
- Proper removal and disposal of any contaminated soil in compliance with environmental regulations.
- Re-pouring and leveling of the floor surface to ensure a smooth and durable foundation.
- Installation of two Stertil-Koni ECO 60 heavy-duty in-ground scissor lifts. Each lift has a total capacity of 60,000 lbs. (30,000 lbs. per scissor) and is designed to safely accommodate Valley Transit’s current fleet as well as future vehicle needs. Unlike piston-style systems, the ECO 60 requires only a shallow foundation, uses biodegradable hydraulic fluid, and eliminates long-term soil contamination risks.
- Unlike piston-style systems, the ECOLIFT requires only a shallow foundation, uses biodegradable hydraulic fluid, and eliminates long-term soil contamination risks.

The new lifts are essential for safe and efficient maintenance operations. Without them, Valley Transit cannot adequately service its bus fleet.

FUNDING

Funding for this project will come from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Program Grant awarded to Valley Transit earlier this year in the amount of \$15 million.

The bus lift replacement was originally included in Phase 2 of the Valley Transit Facility Renovation Project, scheduled for bid in 2026. However, the existing lifts have failed and

immediate replacement is critical to maintaining operations. For this reason, the lifts are being separated from the larger renovation project and bid as a stand-alone project at this time.

This adjustment remains fully eligible under the FTA grant guidelines and does not affect Valley Transit's ability to fund or deliver the broader facility renovation project in 2026.

PUBLIC BID RESULTS

Bids were received as follows:

- **Miron Construction Co, Inc. (Low Bid) – \$861,921**
- RJM Construction. – \$893,700

RECOMMENDATION

Our consultant has provided a formal recommendation to award the construction contract to Miron Construction Co., Inc., the lowest responsive bidder. The Parks and Recreation Department has reviewed and concurs with this recommendation. We recommend awarding the contract in the amount of \$861,921, with a 10% contingency to be used only as needed.

Please contact me at (920) 832-5572 or via email at dean.gazza@appletonwi.gov with any questions.