



TO: Fox Cities Transit Commission

FROM: Ron McDonald, General Manager

DATE: December 7, 2021

RE: Approve 2022 – 2023 Federal Section 5310 Sub-recipient Contract

Background:

Valley Transit is the direct recipient of Federal Section 5310 – Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities funds. The Section 5310 program is a discretionary program designed to improve transportation for seniors and customers with disabilities beyond the traditional public transportation services and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complementary paratransit services. Valley Transit and East Central Wisconsin Planning Commission (ECWRPC) have an agreement to work together to administer the Section 5310 grant funds.

Under the agreement, Valley Transit retains 45% of the annual apportionment to apply toward projects that adhere to the requirements of the grant, with the remaining 55% of the funding awarded through an application process to other programs that meet the intent of the grant. As prescribed in the Memorandum of Understanding, Valley Transit and ECWRPC jointly managed the grant process to award 2022 - 2023 funds. One application was received in response to the solicitation. After review of the application, the evaluation committee awarded \$85,311 in federal funding to Make the Ride Happen for each year (total \$170,622). Make the Ride Happen will use the funding to continue their mobility management program in the Fox Cities, including operation of a call center and volunteer driver program. Make the Ride Happen is a non-profit program under Lutheran Social Services.

Valley Transit has oversight responsibility for this project and meets quarterly with sub-recipients to review financial data, performance measures and ridership data. The Grant revenue is equal to the expected expense.

Recommendation: Approve the 2022 – 2023 Federal Section 5310 Sub-recipient Contract.