Challenges and Opportunities in Transportation

CAPITALIZING ON TRANSPORTATION

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Overview: Shoreline Metro (Sheboygan)

- 550,000 trips annually (FR) & 35,000 trips annually (para)
- Fleet of 23 FR buses and 10 Paratransit buses
- Over 60 employees

Challenges: Capital Funding

Opportunities: Federal & State Funding

- 5339 State of Good Repair
- CMAQ
- 5310 Health & Human Services
- Local
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GLOSSARY

- Dis)Repair
- SAFETEA-LU

- **Current State of (Dis)Repair**
  - At least 36% of Wisconsin’s transit fleet is past useful life
    - 270 buses of a fleet of 750+
  - 86% of transit fleets have **NO** funding secured
  - 1/3 of public transit agencies require **MAJOR** facility or equipment upgrades

- **Capital Funding Investment**
  - Under SAFETEA-LU, Wisconsin received $12M annually for capital; current levels are around $6.3M
  - Current estimates project a need of $36M in capital funding; shortfall is estimated at $24M annually
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- **Current State of (Dis)Repair**
  - La Crosse: 75% of buses over useful life (500,000+ miles)
  - Sheboygan: 50% of paratransit buses over useful life (150,000+miles)
  - Many systems purchase used or refurbished buses for revenue service
  - Many systems have NO buses secured in the next 3-5 years
  - Purchase price of paratransit buses continue to increase, diminishing quality
  - Maintenance/operating costs are rising
  - No commitment to funding transit!
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- **Useful Life**
  - Heavy Duty buses (FR):
    - 12 years/500,000 miles
  - Light/Medium Duty buses (Para):
    - 7 year/150,000 miles

- **Costly Components**
  - Securements rusting
  - Engines/transmissions
  - Failing video equipment
  - Outdated/unreliable fareboxes
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Where Do We **GO** From Here:
- Urgent demand for capital funding
  - State, Federal and Local
  - Long-term funding
  - No more deferring!
- RTA Authority Enabling Legislation
- State Transit Capital Investment Program
  - $15M discretionary program
- Increases to 5339/5310 funding
  - Buses and bus facility
- Commitment to “Just Fix It”
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❖ Be Involved
  ❖ WURTA
    ❖ Wisconsin Urban & Rural Transit Association
    ❖ www.wurta.com
  ❖ WURTA Fall Conference
    ❖ October 4-6 in Green Bay, WI
    ❖ Register online at www.wurta.com
    ❖ “Capitalizing on Transit”
  ❖ Work with Local Transit Agencies
    ❖ Don’t forget about Capital projects in planning process
    ❖ Recommend funding sources/Be aware of local opportunities
    ❖ Instrumental documentary in event of management turnover
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Let’s Prevent the Future...
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Thank You.

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