

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Eau Claire Transit Commission will meet Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. in the North Conference Room at the City Hall, 203 S. Farwell Street, Eau Claire, Wisconsin. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the items on the agenda below:

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Reading and approval of minutes of the past meeting on April 20, 2022
- 4. Open Public Comment Period for Items that <u>do not</u> appear on this Agenda noted as Public Hearings or Items for Public Discussion
- 5. Public Hearings and Discussions
 - a. Proposed Route Changes Plan
 - b. UWEC Service Increase Request
 - c. Designated Trip Passes Pilot Program
- 6. Other Business Agenda items
 - a. Election of Officers (terms to begin in June)
 - i. Chair
 - ii. Vice Chair
 - iii. Secretary
 - b. Update on Transfer Center Project

7. Discussion and Direction

- a. Ridership and Revenue and Expense Reports
- b. Manager's Report
 - i. Transit Technology Implementation
 - ii. 2023 Budget
 - iii. Transit Activities at Eau Claire Schools

8. Adjournment

Bob Schraufnagel, Chairperson c: News Media

Transit Commission Minutes April 20, 2022

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S. Farwell Street, Eau Claire, Wisconsin. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the items on the agenda below:

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Swanhorst, Schraufnagel, Gragert, Loeffler, Austin, Fowler, Eaton. Absent: Commissioner Clements.

Also present: Transit Manager Tom Wagener, Transit Supervisor Angela Norgaard, Transit Supervisor Tina Deetz, Transit Admin Brandon Blicharz, Kyle Herman, Florian Skwierczynski, Patty Freezy, Lisa Fuentes, Mike Mundell, Mike Steinke, Bill Johnson, Adam Nelson

- 3. Reading and approval of minutes of the past meeting on March 16, 2022
 - a. Commissioner Swanhorst motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Gragert seconded. Motion was approved with Commissioner Austin abstaining.
- 4. Open Public Comment Period for Items that <u>do not</u> appear on this Agenda noted as Public Hearings or Items for Public Discussion
 - a. Kyle Herman presented a letter regarding the bathroom situation at the new Transfer Center.
 - i. Florian S added input regarding the situation, including possible issues of having enough time and shared public restrooms. Florian also brought up concerns regarding on time service.
 - ii. Patty F added further input, including comfort for the female drivers.
 - iii. Lisa F brought up concerns of availability.
 - iv. Mike M addressed possible health concerns.
 - v. Bill J addressed concerns regarding layered clothing in winter months.
 - b. No further comments.

5. Public Hearings and Discussions

- a. Discuss Free Rides on April 22, 2022 for Earth Day
 - i. No public comment.
 - ii. Transit Manager Wagener addressed the free rides on Earth Day.
 - 1. Commissioner Swanhorst moved to approve offering fare free rides on Earth Day. Commissioner Loeffler seconded.
 - a. Commissioners had suggestions regarding marketing the day. Wagener said that it will go out as a press release and promoted vis social media.
 - b. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Title VI Plan
 - i. No public comment.
 - ii. No comment was received from the published plan.
- 6. Other Business Agenda items
 - a. Library Free Ride Program
 - i. Transit Manager Wagener presented the details about the Library Free Ride Program.



- 1. Wagener addressed commissioner questions regarding how the passes are distributed and how the cost of the program is covered.
- 2. Commissioner Gragert moved to adopt the program with the additional trip for Wednesdays for 2022. Commissioner Austin seconded.
 - a. Motion passed Unanimously.
- b. Transfer Center Update and Restrooms at the Transfer Center
 - i. Transit Manager Wagener presented the Transfer Center updates.
 - 1. Wagener addressed questions regarding the residential portion and the length of time the Temporary Site will be in use.
 - 2. Transit Manager Wagener updated the commission regarding the number of restrooms at the new Facility.
 - 3. Commissioners expressed concerns related to the issues the drivers presented during the public comment. Wagener responded to questions regarding the planning process and decision-making process. The Commissioners wanted to have it noted that they were not aware that there would only be one restroom designated for employees and that they are in support of another employee restroom being added. Wagener noted and said he would make a report to the Interim Community Services Director in that regard.

7. Discussion and Direction

- a. Ridership and Revenue Reports
 - i. Transit Manager Wagener presented the ridership and budget reports. Commissioners were allowed to look over reports and find places for comment. It was noted that an updated Ridership report will be sent out after the meeting as there were errors in the previous month calculations.
 - ii. Commissioner Swanhorst commented on operating expenses and expressed concern over the amount of overtime.

b. Progress on Route Changes

- i. Transit Manager Wagener presented the progress on route changes.
 - 1. Commissioner Gragert brought up concerns with the Route 4 proposal. Wagener said that staff should have options and recommendations ready for the next meeting.
- c. Manager's Report
 - i. Transit Manager Wagener presented the Manager's report.
 - ii. Transit Technology RFP
 - 1. Transit Manager Wagener presented the Transit Technology RFP report.
 - iii. 2023 Budget
 - 1. Transit Manager Wagener presented updates on the 2023 budget.
 - 2. Wagener addressed Commissioner's questions regarding the UWEC hub and wording in the current CIP.

8. Adjournment

a. Commissioner Swanhorst moved to adjourn. Commissioner Eaton seconded. April Transit Commission meeting adjourned at 2004.

Bob Schraufnagel, Chairperson c: News Media

Progress On Route Changes

- Staff and available Operators have run all the routes to check for feasibility.
- Route 4 is the only route that will require adjustments (TDP proposal was 20 Miles 2 miles longer than feasible)
- Staff Continues to work on the proposals
 - Routes have been developed for
 - Route 6
 - Route 71 stops still need to be added
 - Route 8
 - Route 18
 - $\circ \quad \text{No Recommendation on Route 4 yet} \\$

PROPOSAL FOR INCREASED UWEC SERVICE

REQUEST:

- 1. Increase evening weekday Service to 11:30PM by adding an Additional Water Street trip from the Davies Center at 11PM.
- 2. Increase the frequency of the evening service from 1 Hour to ½ Hour.
- 3. Increase the frequency of service on Saturday from 1 Hour to ½ Hour.
- 4. Increase evening Saturday service to 11:30PM

COSTS:

- A) Personnel costs based on additional hours of service and increase span of service.
- B) Bus Maintenance costs based on additional miles of service.
- A. The costs associated with the Personnel involve additional hours for 3 positions: Bus Operator (new), Part Time Combination Service Worker (existing), and Part Time Transit Supervisor (existing).

PERSONNEL COSTS	2023	2024
Bus Operator	\$ 72,781.63	\$ 85,576.46
Part Time Comination Service Worker*	\$ 6,330.19	\$ 6,457.42
Part Time Transit Supervisor*	\$ 7,256.22	\$ 7,660.73
	\$ 88,391.04	\$ 101,718.61

*The Part Time positions are considered for 9 months since these are existing positions.

The Bus operator position is for the full year since this would be a new position. Bus operator wages increase in steps to the end of their 2nd Year of employment. After that there is a contractual increase across the board for all operators.

B. The request would result in an additional 17,400 miles/year. The 2022 cost per mile for maintaining the Eau Claire transit bus fleet is \$1.19 (This includes fuel, lubricants, tires and repairs.) At 2.6% inflation rate, these costs are anticipated to be \$1.22/MI in 2023 and \$1.25/MI in 2024. The costs associated with the addition miles then would be:

Bus Usage Cost	2023	2024
Miles	17400	17400
Cost/Miles	\$1.22	\$1.25
	\$21,228.00	\$21,750.00

Total Costs related to the Request: \$110,000 in 2023, \$123,000 in 2024.

DESIGNATED TRIP PASSES SUMMARY

Currently, to run the program it takes an average of 4 HOURS/WEEK for staff to track and record the data for the program.

There have been some instances of individuals who are not unhoused using the tickets, but the reported cases have been relatively few. The only agency that has not responded to my requests to investigate these misuses is Catholic Charities. The other agencies have responded promptly.

We cannot capture data associated with origin and destination with the current system.

Possible FAREBOX implications of the system can be inferred from the following comparisons:

TRIP TYPE	MONTHLY AVERAGE 2021	MONTHLY AVERAGE 2022	PERCENT CHANGE	REVENUE CHANGE
FULL FARE TRIPS	1886	1493	-20.84%	-\$687.75
HALF FARE TRIPS	980	802	-18.16%	-\$151.30
STUDENT FARE TRIPS	308	201	-34.74%	-\$133.75
INC. QUAL. FARE TRIPS	91	183	101.10%	\$78.20
TRANSFERS	2714	3270	20.49%	n/a
FREE TRIPS	466	3368	622.75%	n/a
DP SOLD	291	240	-17.53%	-\$191.25
FF TICKETS	1422	1104	-22.36%	-\$424.00
STUDENT TICKETS	17	11	-35.29%	-\$7.50
DAY PASS TRIPS	1107	951	-14.09%	n/a
RED TICKETS	337	277	-17.80%	-\$78.00
			MONTHLY CHANGE	-\$1,595.35
			PROJECTED YEARLY	-\$19,144.20

4 Hours/week is a significant amount of time to dedicate to any one program. When the new fare system is implemented, this amount of time will be greatly reduced and better data will be available (boarding and alighting). There is a budgetary cost to the program that comes at a time of inflated maintenance and operational costs (fuel especially). Based on the data table, an estimate is that the program will result in reduced fare revenues between \$10,000 and \$15,000 annually.

Staff recommends that any continuation of the program be presented as a budget modification for 2023.

DESIGNATED	TRIP	PASS	USAGE	REPORT
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ROUTE US	AGE	AGENCY	ISSUED	REDEEMED
Route 1	2113	SOJOURNER HOUSE	5630	6052
Route 2/12	435	LE PHILIPS MEMORIAL LIBRARY	1771	1501
Route 3	676	LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES	1911	1680
Route 4	382	CHIPPEWA VALLEY STREET MINISTRY	368	71
Route 5	881	WESTERN DAIRYLAND	2009	1288
Route 6	3091		11689	10592
Route 7/17	433			

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Route 8-1/18-1 Route 8-2/18-2

Route 9-1/19-1

Route 9-2/19-2

Route 9-3 Route 19-4

Route E1

Route E10 Route E11

Route 20/21

Thursday, May 12, 2022

4/1/2022	101
4/2/2022	61
4/4/2022	116
4/5/2022	100
4/6/2022	112
4/7/2022	95
4/8/2022	107
4/9/2022	63
4/11/2022	106
4/12/2022	95
4/13/2022	114
4/14/2022	135
4/15/2022	129
4/16/2022	60
4/18/2022	129
4/19/2022	104
4/20/2022	142
4/21/2022	105
4/23/2022	76
4/25/2022	137
4/26/2022	117
4/27/2022	143
4/28/2022	142
4/29/2022	153
4/30/2022	71

Transfer Center Project Summary

- Permanent Site
 - \circ The City is waiting to receive the draft development agreement back from Impact 7.
 - The first of 8 deck pours was completed without incident. The second deck pour is scheduled for May 16.
 - Projected completion of the Transfer Center level continues to be December 19, 2022.

Eau Claire Transit Commission								
Monthly Ridership Report								
April 2022								
		Monthly		YTD Ridership				
	2021	2022	% Change	2021	2022	% Change		
Full Cash Fare	1,917	1,552	-19.0%	7,798	5,970	-23.4%		
Full Fare Tickets	1,436	1,186	-17.4%	6,530	4,416	-32.4%		
Income-Qualifying Fare	64	226	253.1%	168	731	335.1%		
Student Cash Fare	230	212	-7.8%	1,004	803	-20.0%		
Student Fare Tickets	7	8	14.3%	38	45	18.4%		
1/2 Cash Fare	1,007	822	-18.4%	3,538	3,207	-9.4%		
Reduced Fare Tickets	363	342	-5.8%	1,274	1,107	-13.1%		
Monthly Pass	3,647	2,488	-31.8%	15,507	10,306	-33.5%		
Income-Qualifying Pass	1,013	2,182	115.4%	2,327	8,568	268.2%		
Half Fare Pass	7,862	6,698	-14.8%	28,950	26,396	-8.8%		
CVTC Pass	213	189	-11.3%	746	705	-5.5%		
Day Pass	1,039	928	-10.7%	4,286	3,802	-11.3%		
MAX Pass	716	1,526	113.1%	2,522	5,339	111.7%		
Non-UWEC Ridership	19,514	18,359	-5.9%	74,688	71,395	-4.4%		
UWEC	14,792	30,354	105.2%	53,879	101,548	88.5%		
Total	34,306	48,713	42.0%	128,567	172,943	34.5%		
Community Table	171	331	93.6%	685	996	45.4%		
Paratransit	1,639		-100.0%	5,379	4,687	-12.9%		
Free	1,348	3,888	188.4%	1,836	13,470	633.7%		
Pool	0	0	#DIV/0!	0	0	#DIV/0!		
Transfer	2,324	3,844	65.4%	9,569	13,079	36.7%		
Library	0	0	#DIV/0!	0	0	#DIV/0!		
Total		56,776	42.7%	146,036	205,175	40.5%		
Evening Ridership	1,823	1,103	-39.5%	6,768	4,553 0	-32.7%		
Saturday Ridership	2,325	3,135	34.8%	9,237	10,021 0	8.5%		
Miles of Service-Day	53,098	52,859	-0.4%	205,456	203,383	-1.0%		
Passenger / Mile-Day	0.72	1.05	47.3%	0.68	2	197.4%		
Hours of Service-Day	3,806	3,704	-2.7%	14,711	14,242	-3.2%		
Passenger / Hour-Day	9.98	15.03	50.7%	9.47	29	204.1%		
					0			
Miles of Service-Eve.	9,148	8,812	-3.7%	31,540	33,646	6.7%		
Passenger / Mile-Eve.	0.20	0.13	-37.2%	0.21	0	23.1%		
Hours of Service-Eve.	638	615	-3.7%	2,197	2,345	6.8%		
Passenger / Hour-Eve.	2.86	1.79	-37.2%	3.08	4	22.9%		
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Saturday	4	5	25.0%	17	18	5.9%		
Weekday School*	22	19	-13.6%	82	74	-9.8%		
Weekday Non-school	0	2	#DIV/0!	4	9	125.0%		

*Blended School

	Permits Issued	\$0.85 Trips	Passes Sold	Pass Trips
January	1	146	20	1731
February	14	133	20	1976
March	16	945	39	2679
April	8	226	23	2182
May				
June				
July				
August				
September				
October				
November				
December				
Total:	39	1450	102	8568
		Single Trip	Passes	Total
Budget Impact from Full Far	e	\$362.50	\$510.00	\$872.50
Budget Impact if Reduced Fa	are:	\$1,305.00	\$2,550.00	\$3 <i>,</i> 855.00
Budget Impact (Income Fare	- Reduced F	\$942.50	\$2,040.00	\$2 <i>,</i> 982.50
REDUCED FARE MONTLY PA REDUCED FARE SINGLE TRIP	7			

2022 Income-Qualifying Fare Progess Report

2021 Income-Qualifying Fare Progess Report

	Permits Issued	\$0.85 Trips	Passes Sold	Pass Trips
January	2	18	8	295
February	12	38	7	403
March	8	48	5	616
April	12	64	12	1013
May	13	59	9	787
June	14	66	19	1154
July	7	97	17	1346
August	12	77	23	1422
September	8	213	6	1513
October	11	116	18	1730
November	21	151	19	1698
December	10	143	19	1705
Total:	130	1090	162	13682

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REGULAR FARE MONTHLY P.\$50REGULAR FARE SINGLE TRIP\$1.75

Eau Claire Transit System

Operating Revenues

Report Date: March 31, 2022

% of Year Expired:

25.0%

Prior Year Current Year 2021 2021 2022 2022 % of Y-T-D Y-T-D Budget Budget Budget Full Fare Cash \$ 44,500 \$ 10,309 \$ 45,000 \$ 7,784 17.3% Full Fare Pass \$ 82,600 \$ 17,100 \$ 70,000 \$ 24,700 35.3% **Full Fare Tickets** 15.5% \$ 29,100 7,932 \$ 35,000 \$ 5,428 \$ Day Pass 16,900 \$ 15,000 \$ 2,659 17.7% \$ \$ 2,711 Total Full Adult Fares \$ 173,100 38,053 \$ 165,000 \$ 40,571 24.6% \$ Income-Qualifying Cash \$ 800 \$ \$ 87.0% 90 \$ 500 435 Income-Qualifying Pass 3,500 1,870 \$ \$ \$ 5,500 \$ 2,625 47.7% Total I-Q Fares: \$ \$ 4,300 \$ 1,960 6,000 \$ 3,060 51.0% **Reduced Fare Cash** \$ 9.100 \$ 2.156 \$ 10.000 \$ 2.063 20.6% **Reduced Fare Pass** \$ \$ 48,400 \$ 65,000 \$ 13,925 14,704 22.6% **Reduced Fare Tickets** \$ \$ 5,300 \$ 950 6,000 \$ 1,780 29.7% Total Reduced Fares \$ \$ \$ 62,800 17,031 81,000 \$ 18,547 22.9% Student Fare Cash \$ 7,000 \$ 970 \$ 5,000 \$ 746 14.9% Student Fare Tickets \$ 1,500 \$ 75 \$ 500 \$ 50 10.0% Student MAX Pass \$ 19,800 \$ 15,000 \$ \$ 1,100 5,700 38.0% **CVTC Student Pass** \$ \$ \$ 4,700 \$ 1,500 0.0% UW - Eau Claire \$ 400.000 \$ 126.000 \$ 404.000 \$ 136.000 33.7% Pool/Library 6,800 \$ 7,000 \$ 0.0% \$ \$ _ Total Student Fares \$ 439,800 \$ 128,145 \$ 433,000 \$ 142,496 32.9% Paratransit Co-Pay \$ 67,100 \$ 13,587 \$ 88,200 \$ 9,930 11.3% Agency Fare \$ 123,400 \$ 17,936 \$ 159,600 \$ 16,160 10.1% Local Reimbursement \$ 500 \$ 104 \$ 300 \$ 0.0% -State PT Assistance \$ 61,500 \$ \$ 77,000 \$ 0.0% _ 26,089 Total Paratransit \$ 252,500 \$ 31,627 \$ 325,100 \$ 8.0% Federal Assistance \$ 2,481,700 \$ \$ 2,475,200 \$ 0.0% --State Assistance \$ \$ 1,375,100 \$ _ 1,300,000 \$ 0.0% _ EC County Assistance \$ \$ \$ \$ 0.0% 98,000 _ 118,100 _ Altoona Assistance 68,100 \$ \$ 0.0% \$ \$ 71,400 Total Assistance \$ 4,022,900 \$ \$ \$ -3,964,700 0.0% -Advertising \$ 36,000 \$ 9,026 \$ 40,000 \$ 11,550 28.9% Vending Commission \$ 5,900 \$ 733 \$ 4,000 \$ 0.0% _ Gifts & Donations \$ \$ \$ #DIV/0! --Other Penalties \$ \$ \$ #DIV/0! Miscellaneous \$ 600 \$ 187 \$ 600 \$ 1,866 311.0% General Fund - Operations \$ 1,020,120 \$ \$ 929,820 \$ 0.0% -_ Sale of Capital Assets \$ \$ \$ \$ #DIV/0! -_ Fund Balance Applied \$ \$ \$ \$ #DIV/0! Fund Balance Used for CIF \$ \$ #DIV/0! \$ \$ Total Other \$ 1,062,620 \$ 9,947 \$ 974,420 \$ 13,416 1.4% **TOTAL REVENUES** \$ 6,018,020 \$ 226,762 \$ 5,949,220 \$ 244,179 4.1%

Eau Claire Transit System

Operating Expenses Report Date: March 31, 2022

% of Year Expired: 25.0%

		Prio	r Yea	r	1		(Currer	it Year	
	-	2021		2021			2022		2022	% of
		Budget		Y-T-D			Budget		Y-T-D	Budget
Admin Wages	\$	319,000	\$	67,789		\$	319,000	\$	55,839	17.5%
Admin OT Wages	\$	12,000	\$	454		\$	12,000	\$	6,185	51.5%
Admin Benefits	\$	264,110	\$	33,648		\$	264,110	\$	46,202	17.5%
Operator Wages	\$	1,402,000	\$	244,005		\$	1,402,000	\$	250,179	17.8%
Operator OT Wages	\$	23,000	\$	45,447		\$	23,000	\$	40,909	177.9%
Operator Benefits	\$	767,075	\$	139,335		\$	767,075	\$	134,836	17.6%
Shop Wages	\$	265,100	\$	51,791		\$	265,100	\$	54,065	20.4%
Shop OT Wages	\$	23,800	\$	11,233		\$	23,800	\$	11,566	48.6%
Shop Benefits	\$	154,815	\$	28,462		\$	154,815	\$	26,482	17.1%
Total Payroll	\$	3,230,900	\$	622,164		\$	3,230,900	\$	626,262	19.4%
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Printing & Binding	\$	10,700	\$	1,766		\$	10,700	\$	1,317	12.3%
Advertising & Marketing Custodial	\$ \$	30,000	\$	1,144		\$	30,000	\$	3,943	13.1%
		21,500	\$	5,237		\$	21,500	\$	9,475	44.1%
Security	\$	41,100	\$	10,078		\$	41,100	\$	2,353	5.7%
Utilities	\$	9,400	\$	3,906		\$	9,400	\$	25,768	274.1%
Ins & Admin Charges	\$	198,000	\$	49,824		\$	198,000	\$	32,072	16.2%
Misc. Services	\$	352,600	\$	49,634		\$	352,600	\$	30,365	8.6%
Total Services	\$	663,300	\$	121,589		\$	663,300	\$	105,292	15.9%
Office Supplies	\$	1,900	\$	634		\$	1,900	\$	754	39.7%
Uniforms & Clothing	\$	12,800	\$	70		\$	12,800	\$	220	1.7%
Gas	\$	1,000	\$	178		\$	1,000	\$	395	39.5%
Diesel Fuel	\$	381,500	\$	57,288		\$	381,500	\$	87,592	23.0%
Motor Oil	\$	17,400	\$	3,264		\$	17,400	\$	3,922	22.5%
Tires	\$	52,600	\$	5,930		\$	52,600	\$	1,280	2.4%
Supplies	\$	404,800	\$	52,094		\$	404,800	\$	47,944	11.8%
Tool/Shop	\$	9,300	\$	1,474		\$	9,300	\$	2,842	30.6%
Equip Purchase	\$	-	\$	_		\$	_	\$	_	
Misc. Materials/Supplies	\$	2,100	\$	2,562		\$	2,100	\$	4,185	199.3%
Total Materials/Supplies		883,400	\$	123,493		\$	883,400	\$	149,134	16.9%
Purchased Transp.	\$	1,060,020	\$	126,804		\$	1,060,020	\$	100,558	9.5%
Paratransit Cer	\$	73,600	\$	9,165		\$	73,600	\$	(213)	-0.3%
Total Paratransit	\$	1,133,620	\$	135,969		\$	1,133,620	\$	100,346	8.9%
Unfund Pen	¢	20 000	\$	9,475		¢	38,000	¢	6,400	16.8%
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Loss on Disp of Equip	\$	-				\$ ¢	-	\$	-	#DIV/0!
Capital Purchases	\$	-				\$	-	\$	-	#DIV/0!
Depreciation	\$	-				\$	-	\$	-	#DIV/0!
Other Charges/Adj	\$	-		0.475		\$	-	\$	-	#DIV/0!
Total Other	\$	38,000	\$	9,475		\$	38,000	\$	6,400	16.8%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	5,949,220	\$	1,012,691		\$	5,949,220	\$	987,434	16.6%
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MANAGER'S REPORT

MAY 18,2022

TRANSIT TECHNOLOGY IMPLEMENTATION

The initial meeting with Transloc staff will occur on May 19. At this meeting we will discuss the implementation schedule for the different parts of the contract.

2023 BUDGET

CIP meetings with staff are scheduled for next week. I will be updating the language regarding the UWEC Capital project.

TRANSIT ACITIVITIES AT EAU CLAIRE SCHOOLS

Transit staff participated in a AVID class at south middle school. A presentation was given by Kurt Vuchetich, Gary Gruen and myself to give the 7th graders tools for using public transit. Gary then picked the classes up on the following Monday and took them to UWEC to give them first hand experience on the bus.

Transit staff had a bus and information booth at the Northstar Middle School end of the year Picnic. Several students stopped by to check out the bus and get information on how to ride.