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The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
Member of Congress
2446 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-4902

Dear Representative Baldwin:

On behalf of the Beloit Transit System, I request your support for funding in the 2010 appropriations process to complete construction of the Beloit Transfer Center, purchase buses, perform rehabilitation work on the administration and maintenance facility, and purchase shop equipment for the maintenance facility.

We are requesting that funds be provided in the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA's) Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities Program – an authorized SAFETEA-LU discretionary program. Bus capital funding for Wisconsin is critical because most Wisconsin transit systems have no other funding options for capital needs. FTA formula programs have historically not provided enough funding to meet the state's capital needs.

Attached is the request that Wisconsin DOT submitted to the House Appropriations Committee earlier this month, updated to identify our best estimate of funding for these activities from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

The total project cost is \$2.6 million. The Beloit Transit System has requested \$1.4 million in funding from ARRA. We expect Beloit's request to be approved by FTA, leaving a new project cost of \$1.3 million. (See table) As the Bus Capital program requires a 20 percent local match, our new project request for the Beloit Transit System is **\$1 million**. Any amount you can provide will be helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank J. Busalacchi".

Frank J. Busalacchi
Secretary

Attachment