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<b>Committee:</b> Transit Commission	<b>Date:</b> 5/19/2016
<b>Common Council Item Number:</b> 16-0808	<b>Date:</b> 6/7/2016
<b>Submitted By:</b> Fred Abadi- Public Works	<b>City Administrator Approval:</b> Kevin Lahner, City Administrator KL
<b>Finance Department Review:</b> Rich Abbott, Finance Director RA	<b>City Attorney's Office Review:</b> Brian Running, City Attorney BER
<b>Subject:</b> Approval of Amendment of Wisconsin Department of Transportation 2014 5339 Grant Agreement	

**Details:**  
 This item is to approve an amendment to the 2014 5339 Grant Agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation that provides the City \$646,400 of federal capital funds to be used towards the purchase of two buses. The amendment would extend the ability to use the funds from this grant from July 9, 2016 (two years from the date of execution of the original 5339 agreement of July 9, 2014) to July 9, 2019 (five years from the date of execution of the original agreement). The State's intent was to have the grantees (including the City of Waukesha) use the funds in a quick manner using our own bus procurements or piggyback agreements but due to the high level of federal oversight State receives, the State has not allowed systems to use their own procurements to purchase buses. This coupled with the lead time it takes to purchase buses, the five year period is much more of a realistic time frame to complete the project. To expedite the process and meet the State's federal requirements, the State and a number of Cities in Wisconsin including Waukesha are developing a Statewide Heavy Duty Bus procurement which should have selected vendors by the end of the year. The individual systems would then be able to order buses in early 2017. We anticipate that our buses would be ordered in 2017 and delivered and paid for in spring of 2018 which would be more than year before the amendment would expire.

**Options & Alternatives:**  
 There is no viable alternative as federal funds are scarce. Denying the amendment would mean that the City loses the use of the federal funds and would delay the replacement of two (2) of seven (7) buses that are at the end of their useful life now and are anticipated to be replaced in 2018 when the buses are 14 years old.

**Financial Remarks:**  
 As stated above, the City will receive an extra three years to use \$646,400 of federal funds towards the purchase of two buses. These buses are anticipated be ordered in 2017 and delivered and paid for in 2018. The buses were approved in the 2015 CIP.



**Executive Recommendation:**  
Recommend approval.