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Committee: Transit Commission	Date: 8/18/2022
Common Council Item Number: ID#22-4656	Date: 9/6/2022
Submitted By: Alex Damien, Interim Director of Public Works	City Administrator Approval: Kevin Lahner, City Administrator KL
Finance Department Review: Denise Vandebush-Kohlman, Financial Projects Manager DVK	City Attorney's Office Review: Brian Running, City Attorney BER
Subject: Waukesha County Business-Review and Act on Amendment 1 to Purchase Service Agreement with National Express Transit Corporation for Operation of Waukesha County Paratransit	

Details:
This is a Waukesha County Business item to review and act on the first amendment to the purchase service agreement with National Express Transit Corporation (NEXT) for the Operation of Waukesha County Paratransit service that largely mirrors the service area around Waukesha County Commuter Route 901. The ADA service area is from the Transit Center in downtown Waukesha to downtown Milwaukee including service to the UW-Milwaukee Campus and includes extended zones for an additional fee into other parts of the City of Waukesha. NEXT is paid on a per trip basis and ridership on this service has decreased 70% since the COVID pandemic and has remained at that the lower level. NEXT is also needing to drastically increase their driver wage to compete for drivers as they have had a very difficult time filling positions for their Waukesha County location. NEXT requested a 9.23% increase of the per trip charge retroactive to January 2, 2022 and includes the 3% increase on May 1, 2022 the start of the last year of the contract. Waukesha County Public Works has approved this request.

Options & Alternatives:
There is no viable alternatives as Waukesha County has already approved the request.

Financial Remarks:
All funds for this service come from Waukesha County Transit and there is no impact to the City. Even with the increased rates, the paratransit service will still be significantly below budget due to lower than expected ridership.

Executive Recommendation:
Recommend approval.