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## WAUKESHA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Dr. Fred Abadi, Director of Public Works  
City of Waukesha  
201 Delafield St.  
Waukesha, WI 53188

Dear Dr. Abadi:

As you are aware Milwaukee County is constructing its first Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line that will operate from downtown Milwaukee to the Regional Medical Center (RMC) in Wauwatosa. Milwaukee County has informed Waukesha County that the BRT line will be replacing the existing Gold Line and will not be providing service west of the RMC to Brookfield Square when the BRT commences operation in Fall of 2022. Milwaukee County is very interested in partnering with Waukesha County to create a new connection that will link the cities of Waukesha and Brookfield, RMC, and Milwaukee County.

In discussions with Milwaukee County, it appears the best solution for passengers and the most practical one would be for the Waukesha Metro Route 1 to be extended to operate the segment of the Gold Line from Brookfield Square to the RMC. This solution is also consistent with the service recommendations in the SEWRPC Vision 2050.

Waukesha County in partnership with Milwaukee County is requesting formal discussions with the City of Waukesha (City) to discuss your interest in potentially extending Route 1. Our intention is that staff will work together to identify potential options to include changes of current operations, anticipated operating costs and any necessary capital equipment investments for this extension. This potential extension would benefit City of Waukesha citizens and businesses with more direct service between downtown Waukesha and RMC eliminating the sometimes time-consuming transfer at Brookfield Square. We hope the City will see the potential extension as an opportunity to improve service for its citizens and the region as whole. We look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Allison Bussler  
Director of Public Works

CC: Donna Brown-Martin, Director of Transportation, Milwaukee County  
Brian Engelking, Waukesha Metro Transit