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Committee: Transit Commission	Date: 6/6/2018
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Submitted By: Fred Abadi- Public Works	City Administrator Approval: Kevin Lahner, City Administrator KL
Finance Department Review: Rich Abbott, Finance Director RA	City Attorney's Office Review: Brian Running, City Attorney BER
Subject: Approval of 2019 Urban Mass Transit Operating Assistance Agreement with the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation	

Details:

This item is to approve the 2019 Urban Mass Transit Operating Assistance Agreement with the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT). This agreement provides funding up to 60% of the cost of operating both the City of Waukesha Metro Transit System and Waukesha County Transit System for 2019. The guaranteed rate expense rate is 53.54% of operating expenses. The percentage includes the total of Federal funds for Fiscal Year 2019 combined with State funds. The percentage is an equalized amount for all Tier B (Medium sized) Transit Systems in Wisconsin.

Options & Alternatives:

There are no viable alternatives. The WisDOT funds are critical for the operations of the City and County Transit Systems.

Financial Remarks:

As stated above, the City and Waukesha County will receive up to 60% funding of their 2019 operating costs from WisDOT through this agreement which includes federal funds received. The maximum dollar amount of the agreement is \$3,791,641 based upon total audited expenses. The guaranteed rate expense rate is 53.54% of operating expenses which is down from the 2018 54.15%. The maximum State and Federal funding available for 2019 is \$38,228 less than 2018. The amount of WisDOT funds is significantly below, \$470,000 less, what the City and County budgeted, however, Transit staff is planning to utilize available federal 5337 funds in its 2019 federal grant to offset much of the WisDOT shortfall.

Executive Recommendation:

Recommend approval.

