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Committee: Transit Commission	Meeting Date: 10/09/25
ID Number: 25-02225	Ordinance/Resolution Number (if applicable): N/A
Department Submitting: Department Public Works-Transit	Common Council Date: N/A
Agenda Item Title: Study of Waukesha Metro Transit	

Issue Before the Council:

This item is a matter of report announcing that the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) has agreed to conduct a study of Waukesha Metro Transit to see if its current structure is the most effective and cost efficient.

Since its inception in August of 1981, Waukesha Metro Transit has been operated by a private firm with a local sub corporation employing the workforce with oversight from the City Transit Manager/Director. Over the 44 years of operation, the City has never had a study to review Waukesha Metro's structure. In addition, the study aligns with the ongoing effort of the City Financial Management Plan to look at additional possible cost savings beyond levels of service, etc. Another factor is fewer firms offer this type of service. The two firms that have operated Waukesha Metro over its 44 years and have been the primary two to provide proposals over that time merged a few years ago. Last, within Wisconsin, Waukesha Metro is the last system using this type of structure and this type of structure has declined nationally as well.

SEWRPC is not charging a fee to conduct the study so there is no cost other than staff time. The study could result in recommended changes that result in cost savings, improvements in operations and/or confirm that the current structure is still the best for Waukesha Metro Transit and the City.

Options & Alternatives:

NA

Additional Details:**What is the Strategic Plan Priority this item relates to:**

Financial Sustainability

What impact will this item have on the Strategic Plan Priority?

The study potentially could recommend changes to how Waukesha Metro operates/structured that would result in cost savings or confirm that the current structure is the most cost effective.

Financial Remarks:

SEWRPC is not charging a fee to conduct the study.

Executive Recommendation:

NA

Recommended Motion:

NA

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