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Today, Congresswoman Moore announced that the East West Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) will receive \$2 million in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act. In response, she released the following statement:

“When we passed the American Rescue Plan, we made a down payment on our economic recovery, ending the pandemic, and building back better. This bill makes direct investments in our communities, and I am so thrilled to know this legislation, which I strongly supported, will benefit the East West Bus Rapid Transit project, the first of its kind in Wisconsin!

Our city and county leaders want to expand transportation options and reduce congestion, but they can't do it alone. Federal funding is critical, and this money will support a project that allows Wisconsinites to be better connected, build economic growth and help Wisconsinites get where they need to go using safe, reliable green energy buses. Additionally, transportation can be a critical barrier for my constituents who need to get to see their doctor or get to the medical center for needed health care. Without reliable transportation, for too many of my constituents, these could be the longest nine miles in the world and I am glad that we are doing something to help close those gaps," said **Congresswoman Moore**.

"This funding will help numerous communities across the country continue to protect jobs and advance important transit projects that otherwise might have been canceled or delayed due to the pandemic," said **FTA Administrator Nuria Fernandez**. "These federal funding allocations are so important for transit agencies struggling in the wake of COVID-19."

"This week, I had the opportunity to join Governor Evers, Mayor Barrett, County Executive Crowley and other officials to break ground on this project. I look forward to seeing its impact and I know this is only the beginning as I keep fighting to bring in more federal funds to support our transit system.

By investing in public transportation, including in green energy alternatives, we are making a down payment on our communities that will pay off in economic growth and healthier, safer communities."