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WIPTA STATEMENT ON GOVERNOR'S INVESTMENT IN VITAL TRANSIT SERVICES

The Wisconsin Public Transportation Association (WIPTA) commends and thanks Governor Evers for his continued support for Transit in Wisconsin. The announcement of ARPA funding assistance for the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) and Madison Metro is a desperately needed lifeline for the communities they serve and the crucial role that Transit plays in them both.

Transit providers across Wisconsin continue to selflessly offer frontline service to ensure residents can get back and forth to work, to school, and to healthcare appointments. Despite significant help by way of federal pandemic assistance, systems across the state, particularly MCTS and Madison Metro, continue to struggle with reduced farebox revenue as a result of the ongoing pandemic. Further, our capital needs continue to grow.

The ongoing pandemic has created past, present, and future challenges for Transit across the state. The duration and full severity of these negative impacts still remain to be seen. The Governor's assistance is greatly appreciated and will help these two vital systems weather this storm.

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