



**A PARATRANSIT SERVICE
PLAN FOR DISABLED
PERSONS: 1996 UPDATE/
CITY OF RACINE
TRANSIT SYSTEM**

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**MEMORANDUM REPORT
NUMBER 108**

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Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
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1996 UPDATE/CITY OF RACINE TRANSIT SYSTEM

GENERAL INFORMATION

In January 1992, the City of Racine completed and submitted to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration (FTA), a proposed paratransit service plan for the City's fixed route transit system. The paratransit service plan was prepared to comply with regulations issued by the FTA to implement the requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990. These regulations require each public entity operating fixed route transit system to provide paratransit service to disabled individuals as a complement to its fixed route bus service, and to prepare and submit to the FTA a plan for providing the required complementary paratransit service.

The FTA regulations also require the preparation of annual updates of the initial paratransit service plan to document the progress which has been achieved in implementing the plan and any significant changes to the plan content or timetable. To date, the City of Racine has completed and submitted to the FTA the 1993, 1994 and 1995 updates of the paratransit service plan.

The purpose of this report is to document the 1996 update of the paratransit service plan for the City of Racine transit system. All Federally required information and certifications for the plan update are included in the text of and Appendices to this report.

The City's paratransit service plan and the 1993, 1994, and 1995 updates are documented in SEWRPC Memorandum Reports No. 60, A Paratransit Service Plan for Disabled Persons: City of Racine Transit System, No. 75, A Paratransit Service Plan for Disabled Persons: 1993 Update/City of Racine Transit System, No. 90, A Paratransit Service Plan for Disabled Persons: 1994 Update/City of Racine Transit System, and No. 98, A Paratransit Service Plan for Disabled Persons: 1995 Update/City of Racine Transit System. Both the original plan and all of the subsequent plan updates have been determined to be in compliance with the Federal ADA regulations.

Contact Person

All questions and comments on the City's paratransit plan update documented in this report should be directed to:

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Required Approvals

The 1996 update of the paratransit service plan for the City of Racine Transit System documented in this report was adopted by the City of Racine Common Council on January 16, 1996, and by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission--the metropolitan planning organization for Southeastern Wisconsin--on January 24, 1996. Copies of all federally required certifications of the plan by these bodies are provided in Appendix A.

COMPLIANCE STATUS

The City's 1992 paratransit service plan proposed that some modifications be made to the paratransit program in order for the program to meet Federal ADA paratransit service requirements. The 1993, 1994, and 1995 plan updates proposed no further modifications and reported that all of the necessary paratransit service modifications had been implemented in accordance with the timetable set forth in the City's 1992 plan. The City of Racine achieved full compliance with the Federal paratransit service requirements on January 1, 1993, is currently in full compliance with all six ADA paratransit service requirements, and continues to meet the on-going requirements for the public participation of persons with disabilities.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON PLAN UPDATE

Throughout the past year, the City of Racine's Transit Planner met as necessary with the Racine County Specialized Transportation Coordinating Committee to discuss ADA paratransit service relative to the six service criteria. The Specialized Transportation Coordinating Committee oversees the planning and development of the paratransit services provided by the Racine County Human Services Department, including the service used by the City as its federally required paratransit service. The membership of the Coordinating Committee includes a broad spectrum of representatives of the Racine disabled community and from private and public social service agencies serving disabled individuals. Transit system staff was also available to meet with disabled individuals to address questions or issues relating to the paratransit service as well as the City's accessible fixed route bus service.

A public hearing on the City's 1996 plan update was held at 6:30 p.m. on December 11, 1995, in the Ridgewood Care Center, which is accessible to disabled individuals, as part of a meeting of the Racine County Human Services Board. Those in attendance included Human Services Board members, County staff, and SEWRPC staff. No individuals representing the general public attended the public hearing. No individuals in attendance commented on the City's 1996 plan update. No written comments were received during the outreach effort or the official public comment period which pertained to the City's 1996 plan update. The minutes of the public hearing are included in Appendix B.

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APPENDICES

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Appendix A
FEDERALLY REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS

Exhibit A-1

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF RACINE COMMON COUNCIL
APPROVING THE 1996 PARATRANSIT SERVICE PLAN UPDATE

RESOLUTION NO. 8734

By Alderman Vidian:

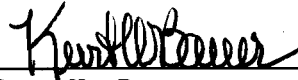
RESOLVED, that the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission Memorandum Report No. 107, A Paratransit Service Plan for Disabled Persons: 1996 Update/City of Racine Transit System, be adopted and transmitted to the Federal Transit Administration in compliance with Federal law.

Fiscal Note: The City will provide \$156,000 for paratransit service in 1996, through its Belle Urban System budget, to accommodate paratransit service in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1991.

Exhibit A-2

CERTIFICATION OF THE 1996 PARATRANSIT SERVICE PLAN UPDATE
BY THE SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission hereby certifies that it has reviewed the 1996 ADA paratransit plan update for the City of Racine transit system as required under 49 CFR 37.139(h) and finds it to be in conformance with the transportation plan developed under 49 CFR part 613 and 23 CFR part 450. This certification is valid for one year.



Kurt W. Bauer
Executive Director

January 24, 1996

RESOLUTION NO. 96-3

RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
AMENDING A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR THE TRANSPORTATION HANDICAPPED
IN SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN, THE PLAN BEING A PART OF THE MASTER PLAN FOR THE
PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGION COMPRISED OF THE COUNTIES OF KENOSHA,
MILWAUKEE, OZAUKEE, RACINE, WALWORTH, WASHINGTON, AND WAUKESHA
IN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
(CITY OF RACINE TRANSIT SYSTEM-FEDERAL ADA REQUIREMENTS)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 66.945(10) of the Wisconsin Statutes, a regional transportation plan for the transportation handicapped was duly adopted at a meeting of the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission held on the 13th day of April 1978, as part of the master plan for the physical development of the Region, such plan being comprised of the inventory findings, analyses, forecasts, plans, programs, and descriptive and explanatory material contained in SEWRPC Planning Report No. 31, A Regional Transportation Plan for the Transportation Handicapped in Southeastern Wisconsin: 1978-1982, published in April 1978; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation on September 6, 1991, amended Final Rule 49 CFR Part 37 entitled, Transportation Services for Individuals with Disabilities (ADA), which includes provisions intended to implement the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 pertaining to the provision of paratransit service for disabled individuals by each public entity operating a fixed route transit system, and the development of a paratransit service plan by each such public entity documenting the proposed ADA paratransit service, such plan to be reviewed and updated annually, documenting the progress achieved in implementing the plan and any proposed changes to the plan; and

WHEREAS, Section 37.139(h) of the aforementioned Federal regulation requires paratransit service plans and annual updates developed by public entities to be approved by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission as the metropolitan planning organization for Southeastern Wisconsin as being in conformance with the transportation plan developed under 49 CFR Part 613 and 23 CFR Part 450; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting held on the 15th day of January 1992, the Commission duly adopted an amendment to the regional transportation plan for the transportation handicapped pertaining to the Federally required ADA paratransit service plan for disabled individuals for the City of Racine transit system as documented in SEWRPC Memorandum Report No. 60, A Paratransit Service Plan for Disabled Persons: City of Racine Transit System, such program having been prepared to comply with the aforementioned Federal regulation; and

WHEREAS, annual updates of the paratransit service plan prepared in each year since 1992 to comply with the aforementioned Federal regulation have been adopted by the Commission as amendments to the regional transportation plan for the transportation handicapped, with the most recent plan amendment pertaining to the City of Racine 1995 paratransit service plan update as set forth in SEWRPC

Memorandum Report No. 98, A Paratransit Service Plan for Disabled Persons: 1995 Update/City of Racine Transit System, adopted by the Commission on January 25, 1995; and

WHEREAS, the 1996 update of the paratransit service plan for disabled individuals for the City of Racine transit system, as set forth in SEWRPC Memorandum Report No. 108, A Paratransit Service Plan for Disabled Persons: 1996 Update/City of Racine Transit System, prepared in response to a standing request from the City for assistance in preparing its annual plan update and published in January 1996, is intended to comply with the aforementioned Federal regulations pertaining to the provision of paratransit service for disabled individuals; and

WHEREAS, the 1996 update of the paratransit service plan for disabled individuals for the City of Racine transit system, as documented in the aforementioned SEWRPC Memorandum Report No. 108, was formally adopted by the City of Racine Common Council on January 16, 1996; and

WHEREAS, it is intended that the paratransit service plan update for disabled persons for the City of Racine transit system, as set forth in SEWRPC Memorandum Report No. 108, amend, extend, and add to the regional transportation plan for the transportation handicapped as set forth in the aforementioned SEWRPC Planning Report No. 31, amending the paratransit service plan for disabled individuals as set forth in SEWRPC Memorandum Report No. 60; and

WHEREAS, Section 66.945(9) of the Wisconsin Statutes authorizes and empowers the Regional Planning Commission, as the work of making the whole master plan progresses, to amend, extend, or add to the master plan or carry any part or subject matter thereof into greater detail.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:

FIRST: That the regional transportation plan for the transportation handicapped, being a part of the master plan for the physical development of the Region and comprised of SEWRPC Planning Report No. 31, which plan was adopted by the Commission as a part of the master plan on the 13th day of April 1978, be and the same hereby is amended, extended, and refined to include the 1996 update of the paratransit service plan for disabled individuals for the City of Racine transit system as set forth in SEWRPC Memorandum Report No. 108.

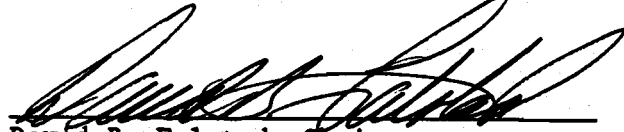
SECOND: That the 1996 update of the paratransit service plan for disabled individuals for the City of Racine transit system as set forth in SEWRPC Memorandum Report No. 108, has been reviewed by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and is found to be in conformance with the transportation plan developed under 23 CFR Part 450.

THIRD: That the said SEWRPC Memorandum Report No. 108, together with all maps, plats, charts, programs, and descriptive and explanatory matter therein contained, is hereby made a matter of public record, and the originals and true copies thereof shall be kept at all times at the offices of the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission presently located at the Old Courthouse Building in the City of Waukesha, County of Waukesha, and State of Wisconsin, or


at any subsequent office that the said Commission might occupy, for examination and study during regular Commission office hours by whomsoever may desire of the same.

FOURTH: That a true, correct, and exact copy of this resolution, together with a complete and exact copy of SEWRPC Memorandum Report No. 108, A Paratransit Service Plan for Disabled Persons: 1996 Update/City of Racine Transit System, published in January 1996, containing the said descriptive and explanatory matter, shall be forthwith distributed to each of the local legislative bodies of the governmental units within the Region entitled thereto, and to such other bodies, agencies, or individuals as the law may require or as the Commission or its Executive Committee or its Executive Director, at their discretion, shall determine and direct.

The foregoing resolution, upon motion duly made and seconded, was regularly adopted at the meeting of the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission held on the 24th day of January 1996, the vote being Ayes 16; and Nays 0.


David B. Falstad, Chairman

ATTEST:


Kurt W. Bauer, Deputy Secretary

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Appendix B

PROCEEDINGS OF PUBLIC HEARING

Exhibit B-1

RACINE COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
December 11, 1995

-85.21 SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION APPLICATION
AND THE CITY OF RACINE'S URBAN MASS TRANSIT PLAN

Members Present: Patrick Verbeten, Chair, Ken Vetovec, Leo Thomas, Jack Donovan, Ellen Easley, Mary Carrington

Members Excused: Bonnie Ladwig, Tom Avila, Lesia Hill

Staff Present: Bill Adams, Bob Larsen

Others Present: Mae M. Schellinger, Commission on Aging
Albert A. Beck, SEWRPC

On Monday, December 11, 1995, the Racine County Human Services Board held a public hearing on the 85.21 Specialized Transportation Application and the City of Racine's Urban Mass Transit Plan.

Chair Verbeten called the public hearing to order at 6:33 p.m., for the purpose of receiving and filing public comments regarding the 85.21 Specialized Transportation Application for Racine County and the City of Racine's Urban Mass Transit Plan to apply for funds from the state.

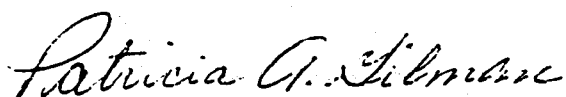
Mr. Adams, Director of the Human Services Department, provided an overview of the proposed 1996 85.21 application.

No one wished to address the Board.

Mr. Donovan moved to approve and submit the 1996 Specialized Transportation Application Report. Ms. Carrington seconded the motion. Sup. Vetovec offered a friendly amendment to the original motion to submit an amended resolution. MOTION PASSED with no objections.

The public hearing was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia A. Gilman
Recorder