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Director's Report – September 19, 2022

The paragraphs below summarize some of the key efforts and events that occurred in the last month. We received bids for the first BRT bid package. Quite an accomplishment after

Sincerely,

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BRT

- The first “Early Works” contract bid opening was Thursday September 15, with the apparent low bid winner coming slightly over engineers estimate. We will receive bids for the BRT main package in mid-November.
- The BRT Main package plans were approved by the Board of Public Works in August. There is still considerable effort finalizing the plans and putting the bid package together.
- Our staff and consultant team continue to on items necessary to enter a project agreement with Federal Transit Administration. This includes resolving some issues with Railroad crossings, Risk Assessments, Operating Plans, etc.

Parking

- Negotiations with two Parking Manager candidates failed. So it is a failed recruitment and we will be starting over. This is quite disappointing.
- Continuing to work with stakeholders on the State Street Campus garage and intercity bus terminal. Two informational meetings were held. There are still unresolved issues associated with Hawthorne Court with garbage pickup and special event loading and unloading.

Federal Funding

- A \$20 million grant application for Safe Streets for All was submitted on September 15. It took a considerable staff effort.
- The Railroad Crossing Elimination grant application is due October 4th, and the Reconnecting Communities grant application is due October 13th. Staff limitations will make these submittals difficult.

WisDOT Projects

- I-39/90/94 Project – WisDOT continues in the data collection phase. They are coordinating with stakeholders on two potential new interchanges, one at Hoepker Road, and one as an extension of

Milwaukee Street. The WisDOT website is here: <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/399094/default.aspx>

- Stoughton Road Projects – As mentioned in the last report, WisDOT is beginning two Stoughton Road projects – north and south. More can be learned about them at this website: <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/sw/us51-corridor/default.aspx>

Other

- Amtrak – The consultant contract was signed September 15. Public activities will begin in November 2022.
- TDM Ordinance – have finalized the details. We have had many conversations with affected stakeholders so they are informed of the program and to get feedback. Introduction of the ordinance is eminent.