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Good Afternoon Colleagues,

I am writing to let you know that WisDOT currently has Federal Transit Administration 5304 funding available for transit planning for 2011-2012. We typically use 5304 funding for WisDOT Management Performance Reviews and Transit Development Plans, but in the past we have also funded projects such as feasibility studies, specific route planning and analysis, surveys and outreach, development of regional transit commissions, and contracted technical assistance. 5304 funding is reimbursed at a rate of 80% federal/20% non-federal. If the planning study is to be performed by another public agency or in house we can also explore using in-kind match for local funding. I am reaching out to this group because your respective systems have not had a Transit Development Plan done in at least 5 years, are rural bus systems that have not yet had a Transit Development Plan performed, or your agencies have had some previous discussions with WisDOT staff about some assistance for a study. I am currently in the process of applying to FTA for this year's allocation of 5304 funding, and if you would like to discuss a project with which we could apply these funds please let me know as soon as possible. The scope of work for such a project does not need to be completely hashed out or finalized at this point, but a basic description and cost estimate would be nice so I can establish a program of projects and obligate the funds over the next 2 years. Priority will be given to grantees requesting funds for Transit Development Plans. Thanks, and if you have any questions feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
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