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**TO:** MEMBERS ADA Transit Subcommittee to the Transit & Parking Commission  
**FROM:** Crystal Martin, Paratransit Program Manager  
**SUBJECT:** **METRO FARE TARRIFF – AGENCY FARES FOR PARATRANSIT**  
**DATE:** 8/19/09

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In preparation for State of Wisconsin changes in Medicaid transportation delivery, staff has prepared a motion for discussion and referral to the Transit & Parking Commission.

**The Motion**

That the Transit & Parking Commission of the City of Madison adjust the fare tariff to include Agency Trip Fares to provide a formal mechanism for the CITY to retain this manner of sustaining transportation resources for people with disabilities.

**Discussion Points**

1. The CITY of Madison has a long-standing arrangement with Dane County Human Services to fund a large percentage of ADA Paratransit trips taken by Medicaid eligible individuals with disabilities.
2. The CITY of Madison has developed additional arrangements with other entities with similar ability to fund specific ADA Paratransit trips taken by eligible individuals with disabilities.
3. New or other entities than Dane County will become responsible for allocating these funds.
4. The City of Madison is able to sustain more efficient and broadly available access to transportation for people with disabilities by sharing resources in this way.
5. The ADA allows an entity to charge a fare higher than the maximum of twice the fixed-route adult cash fare as specified by the ADA to a social service agency or other organization for agency trips as defined in 49 CFR Part 37.131 (c) (4).
6. An Agency Fare is supported by an organization as defined in 49 CFR Part 604, Appendix A “Listing of Federal Programs Providing Transportation Assistance” and said agency is responsible for arranging and/or providing specialized transportation schedules and/or pays for the trip on behalf of the paratransit customer.
7. The Agency Fare formula with respect to ADA Complementary Paratransit, the cost per trip or trip cost, is Metro Transit’s previous year’s audited cost per ride, by mode, adjusted by MADISON to reflect current year variables in service expenses.