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Office of the Mayor David J. Cieslewicz, Mayor

Memo

To: Transit and Parking Commission

From: Mayor David J. Cieslewicz

Date: September 1, 2005

Re: Cameras on Buses and at the South Transfer Point and the Establishment of a Long-Range

Ad Hoc Committee for Metro

Cameras on Buses

It is my understanding that the Transit and Parking Commission (TPC) has been discussing whether to put cameras at the South Transfer Point and on some buses. I want to state for the record that I am in favor of this proposal. Metro needs cameras to help solve behavioral problems at the South Transfer Point and on some school route buses. By placing cameras at the South Transfer Point and on some buses, Metro can use this information and better communicate with the School District and, if needed, with the Police Department to help ensure a safe environment for all Metro riders. I will work with Metro to provide adequate funds to be able to implement this project.

Establishment of Long-Range Ad Hoc Committee for Metro

In reviewing the actions of the TPC with regard to the recent fare increase, it is my understanding that the TPC recommended the creation of a Long-Range Ad Hoc Committee for Metro. This is an excellent idea and one that I have been discussing with a number of key stakeholders. I would like to move forward on the establishment of this committee immediately and ask that the TPC forward to me members who wish to be on this committee. Other stakeholders that I have been considering include state and federal officials, UW researchers, and businesses.

In closing, I ask that the TPC move forward in establishing both cameras at the South Transfer Point and on some buses and also provide recommendations on what members of the TPC would like to serve on the Long-Range Ad Hoc Committee for Metro.

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cc: Catherine Debo, Transit Director Pam Williamson, Appointments Assistant