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Body-worn Camera Feasibility Review Committee Chairs and Committee Members:

One of the concerns expressed by committee members is the cost to implement and sustain the body-worn camera program. The projected costs for BWCs are in line with capital and operating expenses presented by other departments.

Several technology initiatives were included in the 2021 City of Madison budget. Here are three:

2021 Capital Budget & Capital Improvement Plan

1. Traffic Engineering-Public Safety Radio System. $50,000 in 2021 and continuing annually; $1,000,000 in 2023.

Project Description:
"This program is for digital emergency communication equipment. The program's goal is to build redundancy to ensure
the continuation of operations in case of major disruptions. The program's scope is focused on purchasing equipment and the corresponding software to operate the equipment. Funding in 2023 will be used to purchase a backup system to safeguard against system interruptions. The ongoing operating costs associated with the public safety radio system that was recently implemented are estimated to be between $600,000-$1.0m. These costs will begin to be incurred in 2021and will be reflected in the 2021 Executive Operating Budget."

2. Metro Transit - Transit Technology System - $10,000,000

Project Description:
"This project will purchase updated technological components used for real-time fleet telematics, communications, and
ridership data. This project's goal is to integrate all bus hardware and software into a comprehensive transit technology
system that will include on-bus systems such as dispatch communications, fare collection, and real-time fleet information.
This comprehensive system will also include related systems and software to store data and improve areas such as
scheduling and fleet maintenance. This project will be a major system conversion under contract in 2021 and completed
over multiple years."

3. Fleet Services - Fleet GPS System - $460,000 in 2021 with $200,000 continuing annually.

Project Description:
"This project funds installation of Global Positioning Systems (GPS) on the Citywide fleet.

The goal of this project is to
provide both operational efficiencies and vehicle safety improvements. The project's scope includes purchase of
hardware, installation of a GPS system in all City vehicles, and ongoing service fees to support the GPS system. Funding
in 2021 is for implementation of the new system including the purchase and installation of GPS systems on all pieces in
the City's fleet. The ongoing operating cost of this project is $200,000 annually for software licensing costs."

Without commenting on the appropriateness of these expenditures, these examples show the willingness of the City to move forward with technology. The final decision on the program and the extent of the expenditure reside with the Common Council. They will appreciate have a complete and unbiased recommendation.

Thank you.

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