

Metro Free Bus rides for disabled veterans at Green Bay and Superior Wisconsin

Dr. John Hofer Chair of Dane County Veterans Service Commission, has obtained this information for the Dane County Veterans Service Commission for follow up from the Nov 8, 2010 DCVSC meeting. This is from preliminary information that was presented by Commission member Paul Washington concerning the free bus rides for Service Connected Disabled Veterans in Green Bay.

1. Information from Phone Conversation with Mr Chris Phelps 11-30-2010, **Transit Director- Green Bay**

- Free rides are available on fixed routes for SC veterans showing VA, SC ID Card, do not include para-transit.
- Findings: Negligible costs with positive feedback.
- Green Bay Mayor endorsed this initiative

2. Information from **Duluth-Superior Transit Authority** Dennis Jensen and Jim Heilig

- Minnesota does have this program available statewide. The WI Veterans Board Legislative Committee may be interested in getting this established in WI.
- Duluth-Superior Metro also has a similar program, POC Transit Director Dennis Jensen 218) 722-4426 provided information that this is a cost of about \$1,000 year from 1,000 SC Disabled veteran riders. Does not include para-transit.
- I am attempting to contact Madison Metro: 266-6524 Transit Director to see if they are aware of these programs in Green Bay and Duluth. This will be on future Dane County Veteran Service Commission meetings under old business.