

Petition To Federal Elected Officials

Keep our buses moving in the Fox Cities and Green Bay!

To: Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States
U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood
U.S. Congressman Tom Petri
U.S. Congressman Reid Ribble
U.S. Senator Herb Kohl
U.S. Senator Ron Johnson

Re: Federal Aid to Public Transit for Operating Expenses

I am requesting your assistance in keeping our buses moving by adjusting federal policy regarding use of federal transportation dollars designated for public transit operating costs.

With the 2010 US Census, the population of the Fox Cities and Green Bay urbanized area has exceeded 200,000. Under current federal legislation, this strips our public transit systems, Valley Transit and Green Bay Metro, of federal aids for operating expense. It is our expectation that by 2013 this loss will result in a debilitating cut in public transit and para-transit.

Our region does not have "large" metropolitan transit systems for which the current policies seem to be written. The Valley Transit serves 16 fixed routes and Green Bay Metro has only 13 fixed routes. Yet our system is vital to many and valuable to us all. These systems serve as a connection for our communities; getting our families, our friends and our neighbors to work, to school, to medical care, and to area businesses.

We call for our federal elected officials to commit themselves to solving this problem in transportation policy so that it works for our community. There could be several solutions to the issue at hand, such as raising the population threshold; a tiered or gradual phase out of operations funding; and/or enabling local flexibility in the expenditure of federal transit funding.

Thank you.

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City, State, and Zip Code _____

Organization _____

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