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**MAYOR'S OFFICE** 

March 19, 2018

Mr. Kevin J. Muhs Deputy Director Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) P.O. Box 1607 Waukesha, Wisconsin 53187

Dear Mr. Muhs:

In connection with the Southwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission's ongoing efforts to enhance public transit services within Ozaukee County, the City of Mequon is pleased to provide this letter in support of the various options that are currently under consideration. Of particular interest are the alternatives that address employment-related transit services for businesses located in Ozaukee County, and more specifically, the City of Mequon. These include expanded on-demand services through shared ride taxis and other transportation networks (e.g. Lyft, Uber), the introduction of flexible shuttles that allow buses to provide direct access to businesses near (within .75 miles) a fixed route, and expanding reverse commute services between Milwaukee and Ozaukee Counties.

Additionally, the City supports the opportunity to extend two (2) Milwaukee County Transit Service (MCTS) bus routes that allow for expanded service to key employment and institutional destinations such as Mequon's business park(s), MATC's Mequon Campus and Concordia University. As envisioned, the extension of MCTS Route 12 to the Mequon business park and Mequon Town Center would provide weekday service in support of 32,000 riders by the year 2022. Additionally, the expansion of MCTS Route 68 would ensure a continuation of daily service between Bayshore Mall and the campuses of MATC and Concordia for 50,000 riders that are anticipated annually by the year 2022.

Mequon looks forward to continuing efforts to better serve the transportation needs of the City and County through its participation on the Ozaukee County Transit Planning Advisory Committee and attendance at upcoming public meetings regarding these initiatives. Should you require any additional information or if we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Dan Abendroth

Mayor

William Jones City Administrator