



ADDENDUM

Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 7 pm
Virtual Meeting via Webex

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- (1) Indicates 1st Reading
- (2) Indicates 2nd Reading

7. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, CLAIMS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Proclamation: Proclaiming February 4, 2021 as “Transit Equity Day” *(The Committee on Administration will meet prior to the Board Meeting to review this proclamation)*

PROCLAMATION

Proclaiming February 4, 2021 as “Transit Equity Day” to bring community awareness to the issues of unequal access of public transit

WHEREAS, Rosa Parks was an iconic figure in the movements for social justice and racial equality, and played a major role in the inception of the Civil Rights movement that ended legal segregation in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the immediate focus of Rosa Parks’ historic protest was the unequal access of African-Americans to public transit; and

WHEREAS, unequal access to public transit based on race, income, and disability have persisted to this day, and have to a degree become worse, with cuts in public funding for transit and consequent fare increases in many transit systems; and

WHEREAS, affordable, reliable public transit is an essential public service, on par with utilities such as water and electricity and part of a strategy to combat climate change; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of public transit provides the opportunity to continue the tradition of Rosa Parks and the civil rights movement by ensuring that transit systems are affordable and accessible, and that people of color, economically disadvantaged people, people with disabilities, and other marginalized populations have full access to the benefits of public transit; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of public transit provides an unprecedented opportunity to create a large number of good, environmentally-sustainable, high-skill, family-supporting transit operation jobs, as well as construction jobs for building new transit facilities; and

WHEREAS, increased community access to public transit enforces a reduction in racial, economic and other disparities while building mobile equity within the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Chair of the Eau Claire County Board, and on behalf of the entire County Board and the citizens of Eau Claire County, I do hereby proclaim Thursday, February 4, 2021, as

Transit Equity Day

and support the City of Eau Claire Transit system’s tradition of placing a red rose upon the front seat of every city bus, to remember Rosa Parks on her birthday, and draw attention to the continuing racial, economic, and other inequalities in access to adequate public transit in America.

Signed this 19th day of January, 2021

Nick Smiar, Chair of the Eau Claire
County Board of Supervisors