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New vehicles make riding easier for the elderly and disabled

A federal grant has enabled Sun Prairie to substantially expand transportation service to many city residents, particularly the elderly and disabled.

“There are many residents who struggle to do simple things like get to a doctor appointment, shop for food, or get their children to school each day. We’re pleased we can provide them some help,” said Transit Commission Chairperson Richard Wanless.

Thanks to the transit grant, the City acquired two new taxi vehicles -- an ADA accessible van and a large, 14-passenger “mini-bus.” The van is used primarily to transport wheelchair passengers, and the larger vehicle will provide the new “corner service” which transports many area children to school each day, and additional wheelchair transportation if necessary.

The vehicles are being leased to the City’s contracted taxi provider, Sun Prairie Transit Inc. The vehicles cost approximately \$80 thousand. Federal Transit Administration funds covered all but 20 percent of the cost; matching local funds covered the remainder.

Wanless said, “I’m thrilled that the city was able to acquire the grant. That’s a reflection of the City’s commitment to providing transportation to Sun Prairie residents.”

To obtain more information on the Taxi Service, please see the City’s website at www.cityofsunprairie.com or for a ride, call 837-5550.