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GWAAR Supports Investment in Specialized Transportation and Transit

(Madison, WI) The Greater WI Agency on Aging Resources, Inc. (GWAAR), supports the specialized and tribal transportation and transit investments put forth in the 2019-21 Executive Budget.

Carrie Diamond, Transportation Specialist with GWAAR, was appointed to the Transportation Stakeholder Task Force and participated in discussions to propose solutions for inclusion in the budget. She stated: "As a member of the task force, I am pleased to see a compilation of this diverse stakeholder group's recommendations for investment and revenue generation reflected in the Executive Budget. In particular, we are delighted to see the investment in transportation options for those of us who cannot, or choose not to drive."

The significant investment in specialized transportation, tribal transportation as well as transit will help older adults throughout the state continue to be engaged and involved in their communities. Our life expectancy exceeds our ability to drive by an average of 7-10 years. The investments proposed in the budget will help meet the increasing transportation needs of older adults in Wisconsin.

Wisconsin's network of specialized transportation programs and transit systems are the lifeline for many of our family members, neighbors and friends. We commend the Governor for recognizing this and devoting resources to these programs.

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