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City of Beloit to Purchase Hybrid Bus

June 20, 2022 - The City of Beloit will use federal funds to purchase a hybrid electric-diesel bus through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law in support of the City's environmental, economic, and social sustainability framework.

The Beloit City Council accepted the grant and approved funding for the purchase during its meeting on Monday, June 6.

Beloit Transit will purchase the hybrid bus with a Surface Transportation Program-Urban grant through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The grant will cover 80% of the cost of the bus (\$629,960) with 20% (\$157,490) coming from the city's Capital Improvement budget. The grant was applied for through the Stateline Area Transportation Study (SLATS).

The hybrid bus will replace an aging diesel bus in the Beloit Transit fleet and will help reduce carbon emissions in our community. The manufacturing lead time for buses is approximately 12-18 months, so it is expected the bus will be placed into service in the second half of 2023. This is the first hybrid bus purchased by Beloit Transit.

Hybrid buses can offer on average a 37 percent improvement in fuel economy compared to diesel buses, according to [Environmental and Energy Study Institute research](#).

"Beloit Transit is actively seeking ways to lower emissions while being fiscally responsible," said Teri Downing, Deputy Community Development Director, who oversees the Transit Division. "With fuel prices rapidly increasing, bringing a hybrid bus into our fleet helps reduce operating expenses while providing for a cleaner future for our community."

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