

The WCCE Connection

November 2004



Relocation of Park & rides

Effective Monday, November 29, the WCCE will no longer be boarding riders at HWY 33/ Veterans Avenue in West Bend or Pioneer Plaza in Richfield. We have been asked to move due to construction at both locations.

Riders will be able to board the WCCE in West Bend at 15th Street & Hwy 33. Parking will be available in the south-west corner of the parking lot, west of Rogan Shoes. Commuters should park their vehicles next to the fence east of Fleet Farm. This will be our temporary location until the Park & Ride is completed at Paradise and HWY 45 across from the new Home Depot.

The Department of Transportation will be meeting with the West Bend Planning Commission in December to receive approval for the Paradise Road/HWY 45 Park & Ride.

Riders who currently board at Pioneer Plaza

will need to board at the County Fair Park or Lannon Road Park & Ride in Germantown. **Please note the time adjustments in the schedule due the changes.**

The transit committee is currently working with the DOT and city officials to have a Park & Ride constructed in the Richfield area off of HWY 41/45.

The Washington County board has approved the capital funding to purchase land to build a Park & Ride. There is also funding available from the DOT. However, it takes time, because public funding requires a bid process.

We will keep you informed of the Park & Rides progress.

A stop was added to the Downtown Milwaukee eastbound

Stops added

route at 7th and Wisconsin Ave.

A 4:30 p.m. stop was added to the Mayfair Mall location.

Commuter Humor

Gas prices are so high that when I pulled into the station this morning and asked for a dollar's worth, the attendant dabbed some behind my ears.

As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his cell phone ran. Upon answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, "Herman, I just heard on the radio that there's a car going the wrong way on Highway 45. Please be careful!" "Hun," said Herman. "It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!"

Courtesy of Minuteman Press

Points of Interest

- Revised Schedule Points
- Commuter Chat
- Marquette Interchange
- **WCCE**
- W201N13900 Fond du Lac
- Richfield, WI 53076
- 262-677-3445 or 1-888-675-WCCE (9223)
- **Washington County**
- Taxi Service 1-800-925-9590
- **Comments:** commuterexpress@hotmail.com or 414-640-5165

Website: www.co.washington.wi.us



Commuter Chat

Marquette Interchange updates

Meet Ryan Janke – life insurance underwriter, outdoor enthusiast, Allenton resident and WCCE commuter!

Told about the transit service by a friend, Ryan has been riding daily since beginning his job at Northwestern Mutual this past June. He takes Run 6 from the Fair Park or Pioneer Plaza in the morning and returns on Run 17 or 19 in the evening.

His morning start location var-

ies depending on whether he goes to the gym before work or not. He uses the 45 minute ride to read, sleep or talk with the other riders and says he like the bus for all the "usual" reasons: convenience, cost, less wear and tear on his vehicle, less stress, etc. Ryan emphasized convenience as the biggest plus of being a WCCE commuter, followed closely by cost. He purchases his tickets at the West Bend Pick 'n Save and is reimbursed with pre-



tax dollars from an account set up with his employer.

Ryan hopes ridership continues to grow so that this valuable service remains available to the residents of Washington County.

Inform your family, friends,

Emergency Ride home

Since the beginning of the WCCE Transit program, the Department of Transportation and Washington County have offered riders a way home in case of emergency through the "Emergency Ride Home" program. The program will provide transportation to a WCCE commuter ONLY in case of an emergency. For example, illness at work or illness of a family member.

If you have an emergency and need a ride back to Washington County, you should:

- 1) Call the Washington County Taxi Service at 1-800-925-9590.
- 2) Identify yourself as a WCCE commuter and request an emergency ride.
- 3) Once the taxi vehicle has arrived to provide you transportation, you will be requested to fill out a form for record keeping.

The ER Program is provided strictly to WCCE commuters only. If the program

WCCE riders never have to worry about getting home from work during the day if a personal emergency arises

privileges are abused, the program will be restricted or eliminated.

We want our commuters to know that they will never have to worry about getting home. You can obtain an Emergency Ride Home card from your bus driver.

Did You Know ...

...that you can use the Milwaukee County Transit System's Commuter Value Certificate for the Washington County Commuter Express?

WCCE ticket outlets will accept the MCTS certificate in exchange for WCCE ticket strips. If your employer participates in the MCTS program, the Commuter Value Certificate would be provided as a no charge, tax-free transit benefit. The Commuter Value Certificate has an exchange value of \$13, but has no actual cash value and cannot be used for cash refund, exchange or cash-back transactions. It is only available through employers – check with your human resources department to