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Subject: Buncombe County Bus Update

Transit Committee,

I was able to get in touch with Matt Cable at Buncombe County regarding Kimâ€™s question about spare vehicles. I just gave Kim a quick update by phone and wanted to keep everyone else in the loop.Â

Matt says the County only has the standard spare ratio needed to maintain their current service, and does not have extra vehicles that they arenâ€™t using. They do have some 8 and 12 passenger ADA vans that are awaiting disposition which could potentially be sold to the City, but those vehicles are well past their useful life and would have some maintenance concerns. Those vans are rated for 115,000 miles, but they have over 200,000. They still run but they would likely require major component replacement, such as transmissions, if they were to enter regular service.Â

Given that information, I think the best course of action is to proceed with leasing vehicles rather than requesting them from Buncombe County. On 7/23, I authorized RATPDEV to lease one vehicle for a three month period; this was meant to be a backup for emergencies while completing major vehicle overhauls. If we are nearing the end of that lease and realize we want to keep the vehicle longer, we can extend the lease for any amount of time. We decided on one leased vehicle because I was told by RATPDEV staff that one was all that was needed. If RATPDEV determines that they need more than one leased vehicle, I can assist them with that.Â

I am meeting with both ART Staff and RATPDEV Corporate Staff on Thursday of this week where we will discuss this issue and whether or not they feel the need to lease additional vehicles. I can provide an update to the committee via email if there are any changes to the situation, but the current strategy is to lease a single 12 passenger ADA van for 3 months. Please let me know if you have questions. Thanks.Â

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