

Resolution in support of Transit Equity Day on February 4, 2022.

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Transit Equity Day is a national day of action to commemorate the February 4 birthday of Rosa Parks, an iconic figure in the movements for social justice and racial equality, who played a major role in the inception of the Civil Rights movement; and

WHEREAS, Transit Equity Day highlights Rosa Parks' 1955 pivotal work and her brave and determined advocacy for safe and reliable public transportation for all people and communities both then and today; and

WHEREAS, Transit Equity Day is a day of action recognized to collaborate and elevate the message that public transit is a strategy to combat climate change, and that public transit promotes affordable, accessible, clean and safe transportation alternatives for all community members; and

WHEREAS, public transportation drivers are essential workers; and

WHEREAS, public transit jobs in the United States have historically been good jobs that pay family-supporting wages; and

WHEREAS, paratransit is a necessary component for any public transit system to ensure accessibility for people with disabilities who require it and any expansion of public transit necessitates further strengthening of paratransit so that is minimally held to the same reliability and timelines standards as other parts of the system; and

WHEREAS, increased community access to public transit, reduction in racial, economic and other disparities in access to transit; and increased opportunities for employment in good jobs using less polluting, safer public transit, form a key part of a "just transition" from a fossil fuel to a renewable energy-based, just economy; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse values equity and increased opportunities for education, jobs, services, and other necessities for all residents, no matter their income, status, age, physical condition, and ability or desire to own and drive a car; and

WHEREAS the City of La Crosse Common Council passed a resolution in 2019, which set a goal of reaching carbon neutrality community wide, in both energy and transportation, by 2050, especially one that transitions to electricity, and that provides affordable, accessible, useful service for all residents can help the city achieve that goal; and

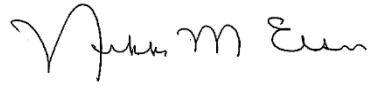
WHEREAS, prioritizing transit equity helps the City reduce its community-wide transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions of 262,126 Metric Tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e according to the 2019 Greenhouse Gas Inventory, which is equivalent to CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from 29.5 million gallons of gasoline consumed, and

WHEREAS, transit equity supports the City of La Crosse Common Council's priority to sustain and enhance the city's status as a regional center and its role in the greater region

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of La Crosse supports the call to observe a Day of Action on Public Transportation as a Civil Right on February 4, 2022; and urge everyone in La Crosse to remember and celebrate the invaluable work of Rosa Parks and continue to find and create the means to create conditions for all people to thrive and proactively address disparities in health, social and economic prosperity.

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*I, Nikki M. Elsen, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse on January 13, 2022.*

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*Nikki M. Elsen, WCMC, City Clerk  
City of La Crosse, Wisconsin*