

# Milwaukee County Transit System

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December 14, 2020

City of West Allis City Clerk  
7525 W Greenfield Avenue  
West Allis, WI 53214 .

RE: Incident Date: October 14, 2020 / Approx. 6:30PM  
Location: 70<sup>th</sup> Street & Greenfield Avenue

To the of West Allis City Clerk:

On this referenced date, time & location, a Milwaukee County Transit bus (# 5624) was traveling northbound on 70<sup>th</sup> Street. The bus operator began to proceed thru the Greenfield intersection. As the bus was still within the boundaries of the intersection, the right front wheel of bus ran over a stationary manhole cover plate. As bus wheel struck manhole cover plate, the cover became dislodged from its area and struck the undercarriage of the bus resulting in damages to bus. The bus operator pulled over after the incident. Bus was taken out of service.

Repairs to this bus has been completed. Final cost of repairs amounted to \$3,491.10. This is the amount the Milwaukee County Transit System is seeking for damages.

Attached is our bus operator report of the incident, the final repair estimate, photos of the bus damages and the manhole cover plate. Also, a CD is enclosed which is video of this incident taken from the bus cameras. As a reference, the incident occurred at 18:27:25 hrs.

Sincerely,

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## ACCIDENT REPORT

Orbcad Incident Log Id  
1637714325

Orbcad Incident  
AC2010140260

Report Type  
Route Supervisor Accident

Report Sequence Number  
9478077

### Vehicle #1 - Bus Information

### Valid Report

Operator Badge: 0207      Operator Name: ISHAG, THOMAS      Route Supervisor: STASZAK, DAVID  
Bus Number: 5624      Route Number: 76      Run Number: 76352      Direction: North  
Number of Witness/Courtesy Cards: 0      Number of Passengers (Mcts): 2

Incident Date Time: 10/14/2020 06:29:20 pm      Route Supervisor Arrival Time: 06:45 PM  
On Street: 70th Street      At Street: Greenfield Avenue      City: West Allis  
Accident Location: Other      Did you strike a parked vehicle? No      If yes, was it legally parked? N/A  
Posted Speed Limit: 30      If struck a parked vehicle, was it occupied?  
Status of MCTS Vehicle when contact was made: In Motion      If moving, how fast? 3      At layover? No  
Damage to MCTS Vehicle? Yes

Parts Damaged:  
Other

Parts Struck:

### Maneuver(s) at time of Accident:

Driving Straight Ahead  
Pulling Out Of Bus Stop

### Type of Accident (Hastus Reason Codes):

Collision with Fixed Object (B4)

Responders on Scene? No

### Other Vehicles:



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## Parties/Injuries/Fatalities:

Party Name: THOMAS ISHAG

Party Seq #: 9484729

Phone #: 000-000-0000

Party Type: Bus Operator

Injury/Fatality: None

Other Vehicle Seq #: 0

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code: 0

Transported by Ambulance?

To:

Nature of Injury:

Wearing Reflective Clothes?

Wearing Helmet?

Bicycle Light?

Bicycle Reflector?

## Conditions When Accident Occurred:

Brake Condition:

Not Applicable

Road Character:

Hillcrest

Straight

Traffic Condition:

Green Light

Intersection Detail:

Leaving Intersection

Street Condition:

Normal

Weather Condition:

Clear

Light Condition:

Dark (Street Lit)

## Property Damage:

Property Damage Seq #: 834

Fixed Object: Other

Property Owners Name: CITY OF WEST ALLIS?

Property Owners Address: Steel Plate/Cylinder Within Crosswalk

## Description of Accident:

At 6:29 pm, October 14, 2020, Operator #207/Bus #5624 notified Dispatch that he had driven over an object that became lodged under bus and began to protrude through floor of bus.

I arrived at the scene at 6:45 pm. Operator was stopped NB on 70th Street farside of Greenfield Avenue. Operator stated that on a green light, he was proceeding NB with a NB car in front of him. That vehicle swerved to left to avoid something in the road. Operator stated he could not maneuver away from it due to traffic alongside him.

Investigation revealed that there were approximately eight core borings within the crosswalk, with each hole covered with a steel cylinder and steel plate. Operator stated that one of these flat plates was bent and slightly protruding from street. In the process of driving a short distance with it lodged under bus, the cylinder/plate became more bent and started to partially protrude through floor of bus.

I was eventually able to free the cylinder/plate and placed object near Bubblr Bike stand. Dispatch notified West Allis Police Department. As of 8:00 pm, no squad had arrived.

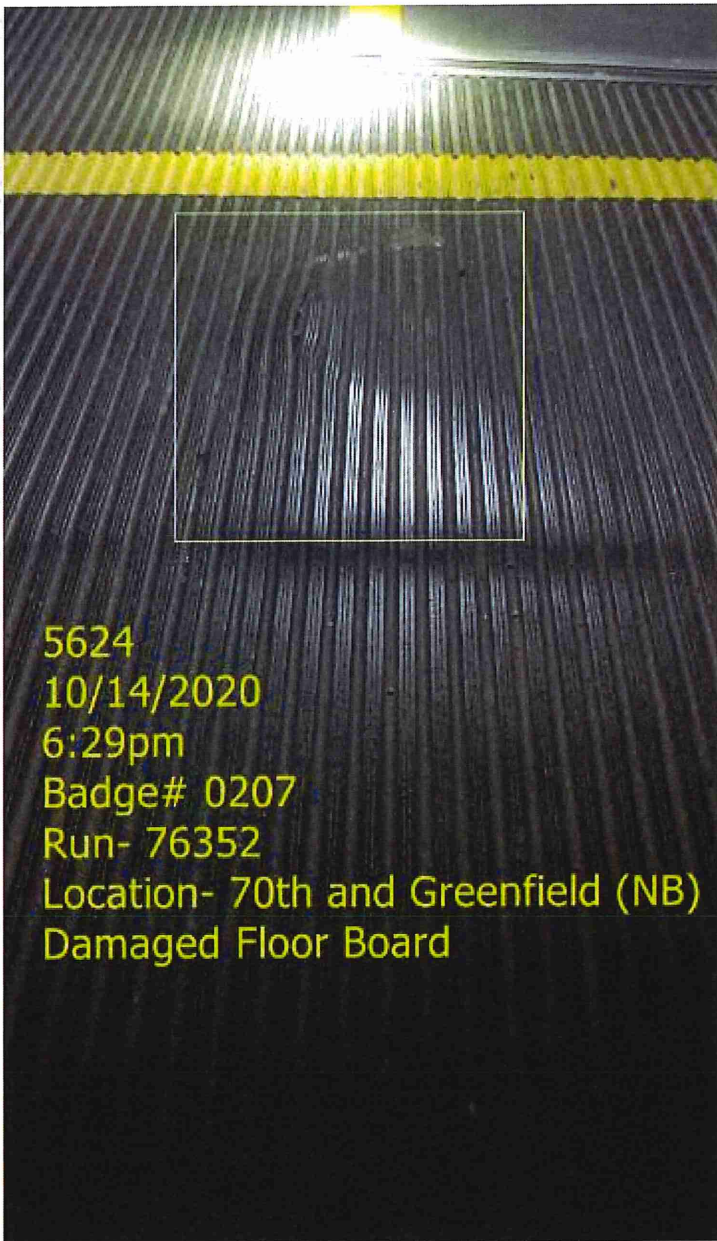
Images downloaded.

Bus was swapped out at FDL garage.

Completed By: 1621 STASZAK, DAVID

On: 10/14/2020 08:04:21 pm





5624

10/14/2020

6:29pm

Badge# 0207

Run- 76352

Location- 70th and Greenfield (NB)

Damaged Floor Board

