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To: Honorable Members of the Committee on Transportation,
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From: Paul Bargren *PB*
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Re: File No. 14-744: Revised MTS Amended Bylaws

Please find attached the Revised Amended and Restated Bylaws being proposed for the MTS reorganization into an instrumentality of Milwaukee County. These should be added to Legistar as part of File 14-744 and will supersede the earlier submitted Amended and Restated Bylaws. The Transportation, Public Works and Transit Committee may wish to schedule the item as an Information-Only item for discussion at its December meeting.

As we have discussed, the change in the structure of MTS will allow the county to continue receiving FTA funding without the need for an RFP. MTS will no longer be considered a contract agency, although MTS will continue as a separate corporate entity and as the employer of its employees.

The Revised Bylaws reflect a change to five members of the new MTS board. The Board will now include the MCDOT Director, the MCDOT Director of Administration, the MCDOT Fiscal and Budget Administrator, the MTS President, and a member of the County Board appointed by the Chairperson to a two-year term. These changes are reflected in Section 4.02(a) and (b).

This remains an item of information-only at this point. FTA has promised written confirmation of its initial oral approval of this process. Once that is received or verified, the current MTS board will initiate the change to becoming a county instrumentality by adopting the Revised Bylaws and related documents. They will then come back to the County for approval.