

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE: April 18, 2019

TO: Supervisor Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chair, County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Donna Brown-Martin, Director, Department of Transportation

SUBJECT: Milwaukee County's 2019 Section 85.20 Urban Mass Transit Operating Assistance Contract with WisDOT

POLICY

Per Wisconsin Statute 59.52(31) approval of the County Board is required to enter into a contract that exceeds \$300,000.

BACKGROUND

Section 85.20, Wisconsin Statutes, creates an urban mass transit operating assistance program for the purpose of promoting the general public good by preserving and improving existing urban mass transit systems in Wisconsin. Section 20.395 of the state statutes appropriates funds for the Section 85.20 mass transit operating assistance program, which in calendar year 2019 totals \$64,193,900 for Milwaukee County.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has determined that Milwaukee County meets the eligibility requirements of the Section 85.20 program and, accordingly, \$64,193,900 is available for MCTS fixed-route and paratransit operations in 2019 upon execution of a contract.

Upon authorization from the County Board, the Milwaukee County Department of Transportation will forward the contract to WisDOT for signature and execution.

FISCAL NOTE


There is no 2019 budgetary impact as the expenditures and revenue for the section 85.20 urban mass transit operating assistance program were included in the operating budget for Transit/Paratransit. Authorization to execute the contract will simply allow Milwaukee County to realize the \$64,193,900 in budgeted mass transit operating revenue as an offset to expenditures in support of MCTS fixed-route and paratransit operations.

RECOMMENDATION

The Director of the Milwaukee County Department of Transportation requests authorization to enter into a contract with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the 2019 Section 85.20 Urban Mass Transit Operating Assistance Program.

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