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2025 Amendment 09 –

Informational report prioritizing bus and fleet purchases at the start of the annual Capital Improvement Committee (CIC) process pursuant to 2025 Adopted County Board Amendment

Originally presented to the Committee on Finance (3/17/25) and the Committee on Transportation and Transit (4/9/25)



Baseline Project Development & Bus/Fleet Replacements

1. Bus/fleet replacements generally score within a number of criteria categories
2. Mandated, Contractual, Continuing/On-going absorb significant annual County funding
 - ✓ Bus/Fleet replacements do not fall under these categories
3. CIC members may adjust other projects (usually Continuing or highly scored new projects) to (fully or partially) fund Bus/Fleet Replacements
 - ✓ Adjustments based on requesting department(s) input and potential project impact(s)



Project types that receive highest scores (as part of the initial scoring process):

- Mandated: Projects help the County meet federal, state, local, or court ordered requirements and mandates.
- Contractual: Projects are those that the County has been obligated to provide via legal instrument(s).
- Continuing: Projects with previously adopted appropriations and require additional appropriations to begin the construction phase, expand scope, or cover deficits to complete the project

Items to Consider for Bus/Fleet Prioritization Updates

1. Project Management

- ✓ 285 adopted (non-ARPA, non-Airport projects)
 - 27 of these projects in design or phased construction and require an estimated \$69.9M funding to complete
- ✓ Estimated 50 – 60 new capital project requests anticipated over next 4 years

2. Bonds and Debt Service

- ✓ Bus/Fleet replacements are bond eligible
- ✓ County has gone over the normal bonding cap
 - Adopted bonding cap overages-*
 - (Board file #22-454) Milwaukee County Contribution towards the new museum: \$45.0 million
 - (2023 Adopted Budget) Forensic Science Center: \$62.9 million
 - (2024 Adopted Budget) Various projects: \$6.4 million

Possible bonding cap overages-

- Investing In Justice: Courthouse Complex: ~\$474 million 2026-2032 (not yet adopted)
- Mitchell Park Domes: \$30.0 million over 5 years (not yet adopted)

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✓ Excluding Bus/Fleet Replacement projects (2027 – 2030)

- Goes over annual bond cap by an estimated \$16M - \$22M
- Increases debt service costs by approximately \$108M



Bus/Fleet Prioritization Options

1. Expanding Annual Bond Cap

- ✓ Not recommended
- ✓ Risk of project delays and/or increased project costs
- ✓ Increased debt service costs

2. Option 1

- ✓ Annual “carve-out” funding as part of CIC sub-committee initial scoring report
 - Earmark a portion of County funding for Bus/Fleet replacements (initial scoring report)
 - CIC cmte maintains flexibility to modify Bus/Fleet replacements (and other project requests)
 - Remaining County funding for all other projects
 - Requires update to MCO-36 (resolution)



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| | <u>2026</u> | <u>2027</u> | <u>2028</u> | <u>2029</u> | <u>2030</u> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Est. County Funding (Bond and Cash): | \$ 71,014,653 | \$ 73,145,093 | \$ 75,339,445 | \$ 77,599,629 | \$ 79,927,618 |
| Bus Replacements: | \$ - | \$ 4,080,000 | \$ 4,170,000 | \$ 4,350,000 | \$ 4,500,000 |
| Fleet Replacements | \$ 7,203,000 | \$ 12,000,000 | \$ 14,000,000 | \$ 16,000,000 | \$ 18,000,000 |
| Bus + Fleet Subtotal: | \$ 63,811,653 | \$ 57,065,093 | \$ 57,169,445 | \$ 57,249,629 | \$ 57,427,618 |

3. Option 2

- ✓ Status Quo
 - Bus/Fleet replacements evaluated in relation to other project requests
 - Allows flexibility for CIC members to adjust other projects and/or bus/fleet replacement projects as needed