

## County of Milwaukee Interoffice Communication

**DATE:** 1/24/2017

**TO:** Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors  
Peggy West, Chair, Finance and Audit Committee, County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Brian Dranzik, Director, Department of Transportation

**SUBJECT:** Resolution authorizing Milwaukee County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) to enter into Contract No. 04 with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) for transit services associated with Zoo Interchange Project mitigation and publicity of such services from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

### POLICY

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

### BACKGROUND

In 2012, the American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin and Midwest Environmental Advocates filed a lawsuit against federal transportation agencies and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) on behalf of Milwaukee Inner City Congregations Allied for Hope (MICAHA) and the Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin (BHC) for inadequately addressing needs of persons who rely on transit within the scope of the \$1.7 billion Zoo Interchange Project.

In 2014, a settlement between WisDOT and the plaintiffs (MICAHA and BHC) specified that \$2.875 million annually would be available for eligible transit services; meanwhile an additional \$500,000 would be made available for marketing. Last year two bus routes were operated with these funds:

- Route 6 – New Berlin Industrial Park Express (started August 24, 2014)
- Route 61 – Appleton-Keefe (started January 18, 2015)

Average ridership per day and productivity expressed as passengers per bus hour (PBH) are shown in the table below for these two routes:

Ridership Analysis Table

Route	Average 2016 Rides/Day	Average Hours/Day	PBH
6	170	18	9.4
61	685	72	9.5

For comparison purposes, the average productivity for MCTS routes is 30 Passengers per Bus Hour (PBH).

\$3,375,000 available to MCTS under Contract No. 04 will be used to continue Routes 6 and 61 from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

FISCAL EFFECT

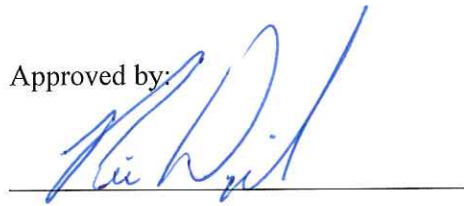
Costs of transit services will not exceed contract revenues available from WisDOT.

RECOMMENDATION

MCTS recommends approval of the attached resolution authorizing MCDOT to enter into Contract No. 04 with WisDOT for \$3,375,000 to be expended on transit services associated with Zoo Interchange Project mitigation and publicity of such services from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

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