

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: April 21, 2023

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

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

Subject: From the Director, Department of Transportation providing an Informational Report regarding a status update on the East-West Bus Rapid Transit Project.

File Type: Informational Report

REQUEST

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BACKGROUND

Milwaukee County and the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) initiated a study in 2016 that eventually led to development of a design for the East-West Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) officially committed to funding \$40.9 million of the \$55 million project in December 2020.

The project has since completed two years of construction and procurement (2021-2022) and is now looking ahead to 2023's final activities: delivery, installation, training, and testing. Anticipated service launch is June 4, 2023.

To keep the Board informed about this progress, MCTS Director of Project Management, Brittany Bertsch, and MCTS Manager of Enhanced Transit, David Locher will provide an update using the attached presentation.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

- 2C: Apply a racial equity lens to all decisions
- 3A: Invest “upstream” to address root causes of health disparities
- 3B: Enhance the County’s fiscal health and sustainability
- 3C: Dismantle barriers to diverse and inclusive communities

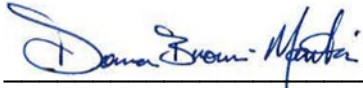
VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

Denise Wandke, Acting Managing Director, MCTS
Brittany Bertsch, Director of Project Management, MCTS
David Locher, Manager of Enhanced Transit, MCTS
Donna Brown-Martin, Director, Department of Transportation

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Donna Brown-Martin
Director, Department of Transportation

ATTACHMENTS:

East-West Bus Rapid Transit Project Update Presentation

cc: Kelly Bablitch, Chief of Staff, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
Janelle M. Jensen, Legislative Services Division Manager, Office of the County Clerk