

**County of Milwaukee**  
**Interoffice Communication**

**DATE:** February 12, 2018

**TO:** Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors  
Michael Mayo, Sr., Chair, Transportation, Public Works & Transit Committee  
Peggy West, Chair, Finance and Audit Committee

**FROM:** James H. Martin, Interim Director, Department of Transportation

**SUBJECT:** Milwaukee County's 2018 Section 85.21 Specialized Transportation 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 85.21, Wisconsin Statutes authorizes a program of state financial assistance to counties for specialized transportation. Specialized transportation is defined as a system which provides to elderly or disabled persons general or special transportation service on a regular and continuing basis in a designated service area. The Section 85.21 program grants transportation funds to each county based upon the number of elderly and handicapped persons residing in each county compared to the total number of elderly and handicapped persons residing in the state.

In calendar year 2018, Milwaukee County will receive \$2,162,873 for use by Transit Plus (\$1,514,011) and the Department on Aging's Specialized Elderly Transportation Services Program (\$648,862).

Upon approval of the County Board, the Milwaukee County Department of Transportation will forward the 2018 Section 85.21 contract to WisDOT for signature and execution.

**FISCAL EFFECT**

There is no 2018 budgetary impact as the expenditures and revenue for the Section 85.21 Specialized Transportation Program were included in the operating budgets for both Transit/Paratransit and the Department on Aging. Authorization to execute the contract will simply allow Milwaukee County to realize the \$2,162,873 in budgeted operating revenue as an offset to expenditures in support of the Transit Plus Program and the Department on Aging's Specialized Elderly Transportation Services Program.

RECOMMENDATION

The Interim Director of the Milwaukee County Department of Transportation recommends entering into a contract with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the 2018 Section 85.21 Specialized Transportation Assistance Program.

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