

## COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE

### INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE: September 26, 2017

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

FROM: James Martin, Interim Director, Department of Transportation

SUBJECT: Milwaukee County's 2017 Section 5307 Federal Urbanized Area Formula  
Grant Program Contract Execution and Receipt of Revenue

#### **POLICY**

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

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Federal Section 5307 Program (49 U.S.C. § 5307) is a formula grant program for urbanized areas providing capital, operating, and planning assistance for mass transportation. This program was initiated by the Surface Transportation Act of 1982 and became the Federal Transit Administration's primary transit assistance program in 1984. Funds are apportioned to urbanized areas utilizing a formula based on population, population density, and other factors associated with transit service and ridership.

Federal Section 5307 funds are available to urbanized areas with a population over one million and these funds are distributed directly to designated recipients. Milwaukee County meets the eligibility requirements of the Section 5307 Program as a designated recipient, and upon execution of a contract, \$22,791,756 is available for Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) capital and operating projects.

#### **FISCAL NOTE**

There is no 2017 budgetary impact as the expenditures and revenue for the Section 5307 Program were included in the capital and operating budgets for Transit/Paratransit. Authorization to execute the contract will simply allow Milwaukee County to realize

\$22,791,756 in budgeted federal mass transit revenue as an offset to expenditures in support of MCTS capital projects, as well as fixed-route and paratransit operations.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Interim Director of the Milwaukee County Department of Transportation requests authorization to enter into a contract with the Federal Transit Administration for 2017 Section 5307 Federal Urbanized Area Formula Grant Program and to accept \$22,791,756 in federal grant revenue as a budgeted offset to expenditures.

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