

## **County of Milwaukee Interoffice Communication**

**DATE:** April 16, 2021

**TO:** Supervisor Marcelia Nicholson, Chair, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Donna Brown-Martin, Director, Department of Transportation

**SUBJECT:** MCTS E-W BRT Status Update (May 2021) – Informational Report

### **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.

As the project pivots from a plan to reality, it will involve multiple contracts and schedules all targeting the start of BRT service in late 2022. Leading this construction monitoring and implementation effort is an experienced MCTS Project Manager, Brittany Bertsch, and a very qualified MCTS Transportation Manager, David Locher.

Together, Ms. Bertsch and Mr. Locher (Brittany and David) will be responsible for coordinating the many individuals and organizations that are combining efforts to make BRT a success. They will report on BRT progress with FTA quarterly and plan to provide local updates to the Transportation, Public Works, and Transit Committee at your monthly meetings.

The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of our commitment to keeping you informed about progress of the BRT project, and to ensure that you know who to contact should you or your constituents have questions about the BRT project that go beyond the information available on-line. The first of future monthly updates accompanies this report.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

This report is for informational purposes unless otherwise directed.

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