

MILWAUKEE COUNTY FISCAL NOTE FORM

DATE: 08/28/2018

Original Fiscal Note

Substitute Fiscal Note

SUBJECT: A resolution encouraging Election Day turnout in Milwaukee County through the County sponsoring free bus service and paratransit trips to polling places on November 6, 2018

FISCAL EFFECT:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> No Direct County Fiscal Impact
<input type="checkbox"/> Existing Staff Time Required
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Expenditures
(If checked, check one of two boxes below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Absorbed Within Agency's Budget
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Absorbed Within Agency's Budget

<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Expenditures

<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Revenues | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Expenditures

<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Expenditures

<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Revenues

<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Revenues

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use of contingent funds

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Revenues |
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Indicate below the dollar change from budget for any submission that is projected to result in increased/decreased expenditures or revenues in the current year.

	Expenditure or Revenue Category	Current Year	Subsequent Year
Operating Budget	Expenditure	\$63,000	\$0
	Revenue	\$0	\$0
	Net Cost	\$63,000	\$0
Capital Improvement Budget	Expenditure	\$0	\$0
	Revenue	\$0	\$0
	Net Cost	\$0	\$0

DESCRIPTION OF FISCAL EFFECT

In the space below, you must provide the following information. Attach additional pages if necessary.

- A. Briefly describe the nature of the action that is being requested or proposed, and the new or changed conditions that would occur if the request or proposal were adopted.
- B. State the direct costs, savings or anticipated revenues associated with the requested or proposed action in the current budget year and how those were calculated.¹ If annualized or subsequent year fiscal impacts are substantially different from current year impacts, then those shall be stated as well. In addition, cite any one-time costs associated with the action, the source of any new or additional revenues (e.g. State, Federal, user fee or private donation), the use of contingent funds, and/or the use of budgeted appropriations due to surpluses or change in purpose required to fund the requested action.
- C. Discuss the budgetary impacts associated with the proposed action in the current year. A statement that sufficient funds are budgeted should be justified with information regarding the amount of budgeted appropriations in the relevant account and whether that amount is sufficient to offset the cost of the requested action. If relevant, discussion of budgetary impacts in subsequent years also shall be discussed. Subsequent year fiscal impacts shall be noted for the entire period in which the requested or proposed action would be implemented when it is reasonable to do so (i.e. a five-year lease agreement shall specify the costs/savings for each of the five years in question). Otherwise, impacts associated with the existing and subsequent budget years should be cited.
- D. Describe any assumptions or interpretations that were utilized to provide the information on this form.
 - A. Approval of this resolution would establish free fixed-route transit service on General Election Day, November 6, 2018. In addition, paratransit riders would also not be required to pay to receive transport to their polling place on Election Day.
 - B. Based on fiscal data provided by the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS), and reviewed by the Office of the Comptroller for reasonableness, the estimated cost to provide free bus service, and paratransit rides to a polling location, on Election Day is approximately \$63,000. This includes estimated loss of revenue from farebox, stored-value cards, GO-Pass, one-day passes, and those who may wait to purchase monthly and weekly passes. It also includes a small (less than \$3,000) increase in for promotional print materials for public notification. This analysis assumes the County will only cover paratransit riders' trips and therefore the loss of revenues on November 6, 2018, is assumed to be related to normal ridership. The loss of these revenues was not anticipated in the 2018 Adopted Budget and therefore a supplemental appropriation of \$63,000 from the Appropriation for Contingencies is included in this resolution.
 - C. The budgetary impacts for 2018 are assumed to be a cost of \$63,000 to provide bus/paratransit services on Election Day, completely offset with a \$63,000 appropriation from the Appropriation for Contingencies for no net fiscal impact to MCTS. This resolution does not authorize any additional free transit days in 2018 or beyond. The fiscal impact for Milwaukee County is a cost of \$63,000 as funds are allocated from the Appropriation

¹ If it is assumed that there is no fiscal impact associated with the requested action, then an explanatory statement that justifies that conclusion shall be provided. If precise impacts cannot be calculated, then an estimate or range should be provided.

² Community Business Development Partners' review is required on all professional service and public work construction contracts.

for Contingencies. The current balance of the unallocated Appropriation for Contingencies account is \$3,693,200. Use of these funds either decreases the County's overall surplus at the end of the year or increases its deficit.

D. No assumptions were used.

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Did DAS-Fiscal Staff Review? Yes No

Did CBDP Review?² Yes No Not Required