

9-24-20 FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS  
 B UNALLOCATED CONTINGENCY

Action Required

Finance and Audit Committee  
 2/3's County Board

WHEREAS, department requests for transfers within their own accounts have been received by the Department of Administrative Services, Performance, Strategy, and Budget (PSB), and the Director finds that the best interests of Milwaukee County will be served by allowance of such transfers;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director, Department of Administrative Services, is hereby authorized to make the following transfers in the 2020 appropriations of the respective listed

1)	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
<u>WT148 – FDL Garage Fire Alarm and Sprinkler System*</u>		
6030 – Advertising		\$3,591
6050 Contract Pers Serv-Short		\$15,858
6080 Postage		\$3,591
6146 Prof. Serv. – Cap/ Major Mtce		\$15,858
7930 Photo, Prtg, Repro, and Bindg		\$3,591
9706 Pro Serv Div Services		\$285,414
<u>1945 – Appropriation for Contingency</u>		
8901 – Unallocated Contingency	\$327,903	

# Existing Project, + Included in 5-Year Plan, \* New Project

The Director of Transportation and the Managing Director of the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) are requesting a fund transfer for new capital improvement project WT148 – Fond Du Lac Garage Fire Alarm and Sprinkler System Replacement from org 1945 Appropriation for Contingency in the amount of \$327,903 for planning and design.

The current sprinkler system at FDL bus storage and tank house is mostly inoperable, and the fire alarm system is not tied to any fire suppression system. The alarm system has a number of issues and experiences frequent errors and false alarms. The numerous issues are such that the vendor no longer wants to support the system.

To provide a permanent solution to these ongoing issues, WT148 was submitted as part of the 2021 Capital request for MCTS, with planning and design to take place in 2021 and construction/implementation in 2022. However, recent events have escalated the urgency of the situation. During an evening in mid-July, the alarm was triggered at the FDL property (sirens and strobes activated). The fire department was contacted automatically and arrived to find no fires. Subsequent investigation revealed that a system fault had resulted in the false alarm. The vendor was contacted and placed the system on a 30 day hold while they diagnose the issue, meaning that emergency services will not be alerted if another event is triggered during that time. Obviously, this situation presents its own serious set of risks, not least of which are life-safety concerns for those who work in the FDL facility.

Approval of this contingency transfer request will provide the Architecture & Engineering Division of DAS with the resources to execute the planning and design tasks during 2020 and, if approved during the current budget cycle, execute the construction/implementation phase in 2021.

This fund transfer has no tax levy impact.

TRANSFERS SIGNED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AUGUST 21, 2020.

2)		<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
	<u>WO870 – County Special Assessments#</u>		
	8589 – Other Capital Outlay		\$200,000
	<u>1945 – Appropriation for Contingency</u>		
	8901 – Unallocated Contingency	\$200,000	

# Existing Project, + Included in 5-Year Plan, \* New Project

An appropriation transfer of \$200,000 is requested by the Director of Administrative Services (DAS) from unallocated contingency (in Org 1945) to capital project WO870-County Special Assessments.

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes §66.07, WO870 is an on-going capital project that funds special assessments levied on the County by local municipalities for improvements to streets, sidewalks etc. that are adjacent to abutting County lands or facilities. Additional funding is needed to pay for anticipated 2020 assessments.

Since 2016, this account has paid over \$300,000 in special assessments (approx \$ amounts listed below):

2016: \$55,000  
 2017: \$28,000  
 2018: \$180,000  
 2019: \$40,000

The average yearly assessment costs since 2016 have averaged around \$76,000. In 2020, the estimated amount of special assessments is expected to be around \$250,000, which is the highest level of assessments within the last 10 years. An additional \$200,000 is needed to pay for outstanding assessments and anticipated assessments that will come in between September and the end of 2020.

As part of the 2021 budget development process, an appropriation is anticipated to provide funding for 2021 assessments.

This fund transfer has no tax levy impact.

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