

MILWAUKEE COUNTY FISCAL NOTE FORM

DATE: September 24, 2024

Original Fiscal Note

Substitute Fiscal Note

SUBJECT: A resolution authorizing the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) to provide a bus and paratransit fare discount of up to \$1.00 per person on Election Day, November 5, 2024, to promote access to the polls and encourage and voter participation, endorsing Federal Transit Administration guidance to promote civic engagement, and authorizing an appropriation transfer of \$22,000 from Agency 194-1945 Appropriation for Contingencies to Agency 560-5683 MCTS

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"/> Decrease 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 |
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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	\$22,000	\$0
	Revenue	\$0	\$0
	Net Cost	\$22,000	\$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.
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- A. Approval of this resolution authorizes and directs MCTS to implement a fare discount of up to \$1.00 per person for all bus and paratransit services on Election Day, November 5, 2024, to the extent permissible by the Federal Transit Administration, thereby raising awareness, encouraging voter participation, and ensuring broader access to the ballot box.
 - B. Based on an estimate provided by Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) staff, the cost to provide reduced fare bus and paratransit transportation on Election Day, November 5, 2024, is \$22,000. This estimate is for single day rides only and do not impact customers who may have purchased a longer-term pass (e.g. monthly). The cost of the initiative will be covered through an appropriation transfer from the Appropriation for Contingencies. Based on a report provided in File No. 24-761 at the Committee on Finance meeting in September, the unallocated contingency balance is \$2,555,841.
 - C. To the extent the funds in the Appropriation for Contingency are used during the year, it will either reduce the year-end surplus or increase the overall deficit. The County Board took an action in the September cycle (File No. 24-755) intended to close a projected \$19 million deficit. An updated projection on the County's fiscal position will be provided in the December meeting cycle.
 - D. No assumptions were used.

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.

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Did DAS-Fiscal Staff Review? Yes No

Did CBDP Review?² Yes No Not Required