

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE Inter-office Communication

DATE: 2/10/2023
TO: Marcelia Nicholson, Chair, County Board of Supervisors
FROM: Donna Brown-Martin, Director, Department of Transportation
Denise Wandke, Interim Director, Milwaukee County Transit System
SUBJECT: An Informational Report from the Director of the Department of Transportation and Interim Managing Director of the Milwaukee County Transit System on the East-West Bus Rapid Transit Project
FILE TYPE: 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.

The project has since completed two years of construction and procurement (2021-2022) and is now looking ahead to 2023's final activities: delivery, installation, training, and testing. Anticipated service launch is June 4, 2023.

To keep the Board informed about this progress, MCTS Director of Project Management, Brittany Bertsch, and MCTS Manager of Enhanced Transit, David Locher will provide an update using the attached presentation.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Describe how the item aligns to the strategic plan:

- 3A: Invest "upstream" to address root causes of health disparities.
- 3B: Enhance the County's fiscal health and sustainability.
- 3C: Dismantle barriers to diverse and inclusive communities.

RECOMMENDATION

This report is for informational purposes.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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Power Point Presentation

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