



# Milwaukee County

## Meeting Minutes Committee on Transportation and Transit

*Chairperson: Supervisor Steven Shea*  
*Vice Chairperson: Supervisor Juan Miguel Martinez*  
*Supervisor Priscilla E. Coggs-Jones*  
*Supervisor Justin Bielinski*  
*Supervisor Jack Eckblad*

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Wednesday, September 3, 2025

9:30 AM

Room 203-R and Microsoft Teams  
County Legislative Information Center

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### HYBRID MEETING

This meeting was held in Room 203-R, and was live-streamed on the County Legislative Information Center: <https://milwaukeecounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

### Call To Order

Roll Call at 9:30 a.m.

**Present** 5 - Martinez, Coggs-Jones, Bielinski, Eckblad and Shea

Supervisors Priscilla E. Coggs-Jones, Justin Bielinski, and Jack Eckblad appeared virtually for today's meeting.

## APPOINTMENT - 1

- 1      [25-532](#)      From the County Executive, appointing Isaac Rowlett to the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission for a term ending on September 20, 2026.

Attachments:      [25-532 APPOINTMENT LETTER](#)  
                                 [25-532 BIOGRAPHY/RESUME](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Kyle Ashley, Director of Community Outreach, Office of the County Executive  
Isaac Rowlett, Strategy Director, Strategy Division, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance, and Appointee

A motion was made by Supervisor Martinez that this Appointment be **RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Martinez, Coggs-Jones, Bielinski, Eckblad and Shea

## OFFICE OF STRATEGY, BUDGET, AND PERFORMANCE - 1

- 2      [25-589](#)      From the Director of the Office of Strategy, Budget and Performance, requesting authorization to recognize \$19,882,876 of Federal Transportation Administration revenues received in 2025, for services provided in 2024, and to deposit an equal amount of funds into the Debt Service Reserve. **(Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Transit for INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY per Section 59.60(8), Wisconsin State Statutes; Referred to the Committee on Finance)**

Attachments:      [25-589 REPORT](#)  
                                 [25-589 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [25-589 FISCAL NOTE](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Joseph "Joe" Lamers, Director, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance  
John Rodgers, Interim Director, Department of Transportation

The following people registered to speak for information only regarding this Action Report, but did not appear before the Committee:

Kyle Handel, Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), Local 998  
Michael Brown, Vice President, ATU, Local 998

This Action Report was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Transit for **INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY** per Section 59.60(8), Wisconsin State Statutes, and was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN**.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) /  
MILWAUKEE COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM - 3**

**3**      [25-82](#)

From the Interim Director, Department of Transportation, and the President and Chief Executive Officer, Milwaukee County Transit System, providing an informational report regarding the transit funding shortfall.  
**(Considered by the Committees on Transportation and Transit; and Finance) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**Attachments:**      [25-82 SEPTEMBER REPORT \(received 08/14/25\)](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Sandra "Sandy" Kellner, Chief Administrative Officer, Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS)

Steve Fuentes, President and Chief Executive Officer, MCTS  
Supervisor Shawn Rolland, District 6 (virtually)

The following people appeared and spoke for information only regarding the September Report for this Reference File:

Thomas "Tom" Stawicki, Legislative Director, Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), Local 998

Kyle Handel, ATU, Local 998

Donnell Shorter, ATU, Local 998

Kevin Meyers, Member, Paratransit Taxi Task Force (PTTF), and Co-Chair, Transportation Advocacy Committee, Independence First (IF)

Rebecca Rabatin, Member, PTTF, and Community Action and Legislative Policy Analyst, IF (virtually)

James Macon appeared and spoke against the September Report for this Reference File.

The September Report for this Reference File was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

- 4      [25-567](#)      From the Interim Director, Department of Transportation and the Interim President & CEO, Milwaukee County Transit System providing an informational report in response to Resolution File No. 25-479 Requesting the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) to Develop a Data-Informed Bus Fare Compliance Strategy to Strengthen Revenue and Ensure Long-term Sustainability. **(Considered by the Committees on Transportation and Transit; and Finance) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments:      [25-567 REPORT](#)  
                                 [25-567 POWERPOINT \(received 09/02/25\)](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Sandra "Sandy" Kellner, Chief Administrative Officer, Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS)  
Steve Fuentes, President and Chief Executive Officer, MCTS  
Brittany Bertsch, Director of Project Management, Safety, and Security, MCTS  
Supervisor Shawn Rolland, District 6 (virtually)

The following people appeared and spoke for information only regarding this Informational Report:

Michael Brown, Vice President, Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), Local 998  
Donnell Shorter, ATU, Local 998  
Kyle Handel, ATU, Local 998  
Thomas "Tom" Stawicki, Legislative Director, ATU, Local 998  
Bruce Freeman, President, ATU, Local 998 (virtually)

James Macon appeared and spoke against this Informational Report.

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

The Committee recessed from 11:48 a.m. to 11:55 a.m. Upon reconvening at 11:55 a.m., the roll was taken and three members were present.

**Roll Call at 11:55 a.m.**

**Present**    3 -   Martinez, Eckblad and Shea

**Excused**   2 -   Coggs-Jones and Bielinski

**Supervisor Jack Eckblad appeared virtually for today's meeting.**

- 5      [25-604](#)      From the Interim Director of the Department of Transportation and Interim President & CEO of Milwaukee County Transit System providing an Informational Report on the organizational structure of Milwaukee Transport Services (MTS), Inc. **(Considered by the Committees on Personnel; and Transportation and Transit) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments:      [25-604 REPORT](#)  
                             [25-604 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Sandra "Sandy" Kellner, Chief Administrative Officer, Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS)  
Steve Fuentes, President and Chief Executive Officer, MCTS

Donnell Shorter, Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), Local 998, appeared and spoke for information only regarding this Informational Report.

The following people registered to speak for information only regarding this Informational Report, but did not appear before the Committee:

Michael Brown, Vice President, ATU, Local 998  
Thomas "Tom" Stawicki, Legislative Director, ATU, Local 998

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

## **DOT / MILWAUKEE MITCHELL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - 2**

- 6      [25-564](#)      From the Interim Director, Department of Transportation and the Airport Director, Department of Transportation seeking authorization to enter into a Service Agreement for Janitorial Services. **(Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Transit for INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY per Section 59.52(31)(d), Wisconsin State Statutes; Referred to the Committee on Finance)**

Attachments:      [25-564 REPORT](#)  
                             [25-564 RESOLUTION](#)  
                             [25-564 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                             [25-564 DRAFT AGREEMENT](#)  
                             [25-564 RFP-2025-024 \(50 pages\)](#)  
                             [25-564 INTENT TO AWARD LETTER](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Brian Dranzik, Airport Director, Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport, Department of Transportation (virtually)

This Action Report was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Transit for INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY per Section 59.52(31)(d), Wisconsin State Statutes, and was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

- 7      [25-565](#)      From the Interim Director, Department of Transportation and the Airport Director, Department of Transportation seeking authorization to enter into a Service Agreement for Unarmed Security Services. **(Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Transit for INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY per Section 59.52(31)(d), Wisconsin State Statutes; Referred to the Committee on Finance)**

**Attachments:**      [25-565 REPORT](#)  
                                 [25-565 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [25-565 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                 [25-565 DRAFT AGREEMENT](#)  
                                 [25-565 RFP-2025-025 \(37 pages\)](#)  
                                 [25-565 INTENT TO AWARD LETTER](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Brian Dranzik, Airport Director, Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport,  
Department of Transportation (virtually)

This Action Report was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Transit for INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY per Section 59.52(31)(d), Wisconsin State Statutes, and was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

**DOT - 2**

- 8      [25-563](#)      From the Interim Director, Department of Transportation requesting authorization to reallocate expenditure authority of \$800,000 and associated grant revenue budget from Project WP081301 - Oak Leaf Trail Network Study to newly created Projected WH-029301 - 30th Street Corridor Feasibility Study. **(Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Transit for INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY per Section 59.60(8), Wisconsin State Statutes; Referred to the Committee on Finance)**

**Attachments:**      [25-563 REPORT](#)  
                                 [25-563 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [25-563 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                 [25-563 POWERPOINT](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

John Rodgers, Interim Director, Department of Transportation (DOT)  
Daniel "Danny" Park, Transportation Analyst, Director's Office, DOT  
Ethan T. Masarik, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk

This Action Report was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Transit for **INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY** per Section 59.60(8), Wisconsin State Statutes, and was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN**.

- 9      [25-566](#)      From the Interim Director, Department of Transportation and the Fleet Director, Department of Transportation, seeking authorization to enter into a Service Agreement for Janitorial Services. **(Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Transit for INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY per Section 59.52(31)(d), Wisconsin State Statutes; Referred to the Committee on Finance)**

**Attachments:**      [25-566 REPORT](#)  
                                 [25-566 RESOLUTION](#)  
                                 [25-566 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
                                 [25-566 DRAFT AGREEMENT](#)  
                                 [25-566 RFP-2025-024](#)  
                                 [25-566 INTENT TO AWARD LETTER](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

John Blonien, Director, Fleet Management Division, Department of Transportation (virtually)

This Action Report was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Transit for **INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY** per Section 59.52(31)(d), Wisconsin State Statutes, and was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN**.

**OFFICE OF ECONOMIC INCLUSION  
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - 1**

- 10      [25-22](#)      From the Director, Office of Economic Inclusion, Department of Administrative Services, providing an informational report regarding participation and departmental waivers of Milwaukee County's Targeted Business Enterprise Program, and Federally-funded projects relative to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises and Airport Concession Disadvantaged Business Enterprises. **(Considered by the Committees on Transportation and Transit; and Community, Environment, and Economic Development) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

**Attachments:**      [25-22 SEPTEMBER REPORT \(received 08/18/25\)](#)

**APPEARANCE:**

Lamont Robinson, Director, Office of Economic Inclusion, Department of Administrative Services

The September Report for this Reference File was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

**E-COMMENTS - 1**

- 11      [25-21](#)      eComments submitted to the Committee on Transportation and Transit via the County Legislative Information Center (CLIC).

\*The Office of the County Clerk collects eComments submitted via CLIC, and appends these official public records to Reference File No. 25-21 at the conclusion of each meeting.

**There were no appearances for Item 11.**

**There were no eComments submitted for the September 3, 2025, meeting.**

**The September 3, 2025, record of eComments was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**



**Length of Meeting: 9:30 a.m. to 12:23 p.m.**

**Adjourned,**

**Ethan T. Masarik  
Committee Coordinator  
Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk  
Committee on Transportation and Transit**

Deadline for the next meeting:

The next regular meeting for the Committee on Transportation and Transit is  
Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

Approval Tracking System review must be completed in Legistar on or before  
Friday, November 14, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., for the December meeting cycle.