

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**

**INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

DATE: April 18, 2019

TO: Supervisor Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chair, County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Donna Brown-Martin, Director, Department of Transportation

SUBJECT: Milwaukee County's 2019 Section 85.205 Mass Transit Paratransit Assistance Contract with WisDOT

**POLICY**

Per Wisconsin Statute 59.52(31) approval of the County Board is required to enter into a contract that exceeds \$300,000.

**BACKGROUND**

Section 85.205, Wisconsin Statutes, creates an urban mass transit assistance program for the purpose of maintaining and maximizing paratransit service as defined by the federal Americans with Disabilities Act. Section 20.395(1)(hq) of the statute appropriates funds for the Section 85.205 mass transit paratransit assistance program, which in calendar year 2019 totals \$1,398,579 for Milwaukee County.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has determined that Milwaukee County meets the eligibility requirements of the Section 85.205 mass transit paratransit program, and accordingly, \$1,398,579 is available for MCTS paratransit operations in 2019 upon execution of a contract.

Upon authorization from the county board, the Milwaukee County Department of Transportation will forward the contract to WisDOT for signature and execution.

**FISCAL NOTE**

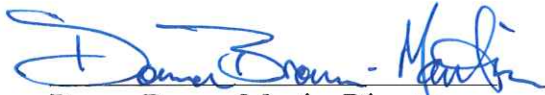
There is no 2019 budgetary impact as the expenditures and revenue for the Section 85.205 urban mass transit paratransit assistance program were included in the operating budget for Transit/Paratransit. Authorization to execute the contract will simply allow Milwaukee County to realize the \$1,398,579 in budgeted mass transit paratransit operating revenue as an offset to expenditures in support of the Transit Plus Program.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Director of the Milwaukee County Department of Transportation recommends entering into a contract with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the 2019 Section 85.205 Urban Mass Transit Paratransit Assistance program.

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Approved by:

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