

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-office Communication

DATE: November 8, 2023

TO: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

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

SUBJECT: From the Director, Department of Transportation and the President and Managing Director, Milwaukee County Transit System, providing an Informational Report regarding East-West Bus Rapid Transit status update.

FILE TYPE: Informational Report

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**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 (Summer 2021-Summer 2023), culminating in revenue service June 4, 2023.

To keep the Board informed of the East-West BRT's performance and operations, MCTS Manager of Enhanced Transit David Locher will provide an update using the attached presentation.

**RECOMMENDATION**

This report is for informational purposes unless otherwise directed.

**VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES**

Donna Brown-Martin, Director, Department of Transportation  
Denise Wandke, President and Managing Director, MCTS  
David Locher, MCTS, Manager of Enhanced Transit

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**Approved by:**



Donna Brown-Martin, Director, Department of Transportation

**ATTACHMENTS:**

East-West BRT Status Update Powerpoint

cc: Kelly Bablitch, Chief of Staff, County Board of Supervisors  
Janelle M. Jensen, Legislative Services Division Manager, Office of the County Clerk