

County of Milwaukee
Interoffice Communication

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DATE: 6/21/2019
TO: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr. Chairman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
FROM: Donna Brown-Martin, Director, Department of Transportation
SUBJECT: Status of Contract Negotiations with Amalgamated Transit Union

BACKGROUND

Negotiations toward a new Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between Milwaukee Transport Services, Inc. (MTS) and the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 998 started over a year ago. Both parties continue to honor the terms of the agreement that expired March 31, 2018.

MTS and ATU have not met with the mediator from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service in the past 90+ days (since early April 2019), as meetings that were scheduled for dates in the months of May and June were canceled by ATU and the mediator, respectively. MTS continues to work earnestly towards an agreement. MTS makes every effort to be flexible and available to negotiate when possible. MTS has also offered both interest arbitration and open arbitration on unresolved items as a path to a signed agreement.

As it currently stands, the next available dates for all parties are in late July 2019. Should MTS and ATU agree to arbitration, or to negotiate in advance of the July meeting of the Transportation, Public Works and Transit Committee, a verbal update will be provided.

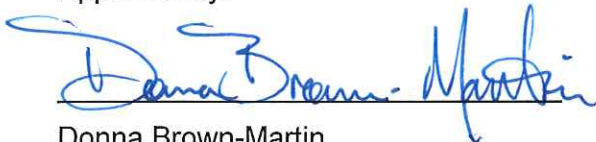
RECOMMENDATION

This report is for informational purposes unless otherwise directed.

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