

3 From the Interim Director, Department of Transportation and the President & CEO,
4 Milwaukee County Transit System, providing an Action Item Report on MCTS' Plan
5 to maximize 2026 Transit and Paratransit service levels and minimize community
6 disruption, by recommending adoption of the following:

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8 **A RESOLUTION**
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10 WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) is projecting a budget deficit in 2026 of approximately \$14 million and thus has proposed the elimination of six bus routes, modification of five routes, and frequency adjustments on twenty-two routes, to realize enough savings to close this \$14 million deficit; and

11 WHEREAS, an appropriation of \$4,785,785 is included in an allocated contingency account within the departmental budget, to help mitigate potential transit and paratransit service reductions for 2026; and

12 WHEREAS, MCTS will realize an additional \$250,000 in savings from changes to the service contract regarding Waukesha Metro, providing a total allocation for modified service continuation of \$5,035,785; and

13 WHEREAS, MCTS intends to utilize the aforementioned \$5,035,785 to fund the following actions:

- 14 • \$750,000 to maintain the same-day paratransit program in a reduced/limited form, which may include limiting rides to work or medical-related trips, reducing the number of round-trip rides per month, per customer, and/or a reduction in times of day and days of the week;
- 15 • \$1,400,000 to delay implementation of proposed route-segment eliminations from January 11, 2026, to March 7, 2026, to give passengers on the following segments more time to adjust to the reductions: Route 11 (Hampton Avenue), Route 22 (Center Street), Route 24 (Forest Home Avenue), Route 80 (6th Street), and Route 88 (Brown Deer Road);
- 16 • \$2,500,000 to maintain peak service on the following six routes proposed for elimination, generally providing service from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on weekdays, and shifting to more mid-day service on weekends (route-specific times may vary): Route 20 (South 20th Street), Route 28 (108th Street), Route 33 (West Vliet Street), Route 34 (Hopkins Street), Route 55 (Layton Avenue), and Route 58 (Villard Avenue);

- 47 • \$385,785 to be held as contingency for service adjustments throughout
48 2026 for the routes noted in the two preceding bullet points and/or
49 routes with frequency reductions

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53 WHEREAS, the use of these departmental contingency funds requires a fund
54 transfer to move the funds to the appropriate account; and

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56 WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation and Transit, at its meeting of
57 December 3, 2025, considered File No. 25-792 for informational purposes only, per
58 Section 59.60(8), Wisconsin State Statutes; and

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60 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of December 11, 2025,
61 recommended adoption of File No. 25-792 (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

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63 BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Transportation, is hereby
64 authorized to utilize the budgeted 2026 departmental contingency funds in
65 accordance with the activities outlined in this resolution and the accompanying
66 report; and

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68 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
69 authorizes and directs the Department of Administrative Services and the Office of
70 the Comptroller to process an administrative appropriation transfer, to effectuate the
71 requested changes contained herein.

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