



Milwaukee County

Meeting Minutes Committee on Finance-Budget

Chairperson: Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr.

Vice Chairperson: Steve F. Taylor

Supervisor Sequanna Taylor

Supervisor Shawn Rolland

Supervisor Juan Miguel Martinez

Supervisor Justin Bielinski

Supervisor Anne O'Connor

Committee Coordinator: Allyson R. Smith, (414) 278-4225

Director of Research and Policy: Steve Cady, (414) 278-4347

Monday, October 13, 2025

9:00 AM

Room 203-R and Microsoft Teams
County Legislative Information Center

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 9:01 a.m.

Present 6 - Taylor (17), Rolland, Martinez, Bielinski, O'Connor and Johnson Jr.

Excused 1 - Taylor (5)

Supervisor Sequanna Taylor (5) was not present at the time the roll was called, but appeared virtually shortly thereafter.

Supervisor Shawn Rolland appeared virtually and in person for today's meeting.

Supervisors Sequanna Taylor (5), Juan Miguel Martinez, and Anne O'Connor appeared virtually for today's meeting.

NON-DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES FUNCTION - 1

*Strategic Program Area

1 [25-668](#) From the County Executive, providing the 2026 Recommended budget.

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Agency No. 194 Non-Departmental Expenditures
 * Civil Air Patrol

APPEARANCES:

First Lieutenant Paul DeCoursin, Commander, 10th Senior Support Squadron,
Civil Air Patrol (CAP)

Major Thomas C. Mescher, 10th Senior Support Squadron, CAP

Captain Felix Diakhite, 10th Senior Support Squadron, CAP, appeared but did
not speak regarding Agency No. 194 - Non-Departmental Expenditures (*SPA:
Civil Air Patrol).

Agency No. 194 - Non-Departmental Expenditures (*SPA: Civil Air Patrol), was
DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION - 1

- 2 [25-520](#) From the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, certifying the property tax levy required in partial support of regional planning in Southeastern Wisconsin in Calendar Year 2026.
(Recommendation to the 2026 Budget Hearings)

Attachments: [25-520 SEWRPC 2026 BUDGET REQUEST \(received 07/25/25\)](#)
 [25-520 RESOLUTION](#)
 [25-520 FISCAL NOTE](#)
 [25-520 REVISED FISCAL NOTE \(received 10/03/25\)](#)
 [25-520 2025-2026 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN \(received 09/19/25\)](#)
 [25-520 SEWRPC PROGRESS REPORT \(received 09/19/25\)](#)
 [25-520 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION](#)

APPEARANCES:

Stephanie Hacker, Executive Director, Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

Ethan T. Masarik, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk

A motion was made by Supervisor Taylor (17) that this Action Report be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Taylor (17), Taylor (5), Rolland, Martinez, Bielinski, O'Connor and Johnson Jr.

File No. 25-520 will be considered at the Thursday, November 6, 2025, Budget Adoption Meeting.

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Agency No. 504 Airport
 * Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport
 * Lawrence J. Timmerman General Aviation

APPEARANCES:

John Rodgers, Interim Director, Department of Transportation (DOT)
Nicole Armendariz, Director of Public Affairs and Marketing, DOT
Brian Dranzik, Airport Director, Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport

Agency No. 504 - Airport (*SPA: Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport and
*SPA: Lawrence J. Timmerman General Aviation), was DISCUSSED WITH NO
ACTION TAKEN.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET - 1 [AIRPORT]

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1300 Airport (WA)

Capital Project WA043001 - MKE Fuel Farm Roadway Reconstruction

Capital Project WA043304 - MKE Passenger Loading Bridge
Replacement - Phase 4

Capital Project WA043801 - MKE Data Center Virtualization
Infrastructure Replacement

Capital Project WA043901 - MKE Paging System Replacement

Capital Project WA044602 - MKE Parking Structure Rehabilitation -
Phase 2

Capital Project WA044901 - MKE Surface Lot Rehabilitation

Capital Project WA045001 - MKE Employee Parking Lot Rehabilitation

Capital Project WA045101 - MKE Snow Removal Equipment
Replacement

Capital Project WA045201 - MKE Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting
Vehicle Replacement (Equipment)

Capital Project WA045301 - MKE Information Technology Networking
Distribution Replacement

Capital Project WA045401 - MKE Passenger Loading Bridge
Replacement - Part 2 - 2026

APPEARANCE:

Brian Dranzik, Airport Director, Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport

Nicole Armendariz, Director of Public Affairs and Marketing, Department of
Transportation, appeared but did not speak regarding Airport Capital Projects.

Capital Project Nos.:

- WA043001 - MKE Fuel Farm Roadway Reconstruction
- WA043304 - MKE Passenger Loading Bridge Replacement - Phase 4
- WA043801 - MKE Data Center Virtualization Infrastructure Replacement
- WA043901 - MKE Paging System Replacement
- WA044602 - MKE Parking Structure Rehabilitation - Phase 2
- WA044901 - MKE Surface Lot Rehabilitation
- WA045001 - MKE Employee Parking Lot Rehabilitation
- WA045101 - MKE Snow Removal Equipment Replacement
- WA045201 - MKE Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Vehicle Replacement
(Equipment)

- WA045301 - MKE Information Technology Networking Distribution Replacement
- WA045401 - MKE Passenger Loading Bridge Replacement - Part 2 - 2026

were DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

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Agency No. 509 Transportation Services

APPEARANCE:

Andrea Weddle-Henning, Professional Engineer, Director of Transportation Engineering, Transportation Services, Department of Transportation (DOT)

Nicole Armendariz, Director of Public Affairs and Marketing, DOT, appeared but did not speak regarding Agency No. 509 - Transportation Services.

Agency No. 509 - Transportation Services, was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

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[HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES]

CTH = County Trunk Highway

STH = State Trunk Highway

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1200 Highways and Bridges (WH)

Capital Project WH026101 - South 76th Street (CTH U) South
Creekview Court to West High Street

Capital Project WH026201 - North Teutonia Avenue (CTH D) West
Bradley Road to North Green Bay Road

Capital Project WH026501 - West College Avenue (CTH ZZ) South
26th Street to South Howell Avenue

Capital Project WH026801 - South 76th Street (CTH U) West Layton
Avenue to West Howard Avenue
Reconstruction

Capital Project WH027401 - Lincoln Memorial Drive Signal
Improvement Juneau Park to
Water Tower

Capital Project WH027501 - Layton Avenue Signal Improvement
South 76th Street to South 47th
Street

Capital Project WH027901 - Signal at Layton Avenue Intersections
84th, 68th, Nicholson

Capital Project WH028601 - West Ryan Road (CTH H) South 96th
Street to STH 100 Reconstruction

Capital Project WH028701 - South 13th Street (CTH V) Oakwood
Road to West Puetz Road
Reconstruction

Capital Project WH029201 - West Layton Avenue (CTH Y) South 68th
Street to South 60th Street

APPEARANCE:

Andrea Weddle-Henning, Professional Engineer, Director of Transportation
Engineering, Transportation Services, Department of Transportation (DOT)

Nicole Armendariz, Director of Public Affairs and Marketing, DOT, appeared but
did not speak regarding Highways and Bridges Capital Projects.

Capital Project Nos.:

- WH026101 - South 76th Street (CTH U) South Creekview Court to West High Street
- WH026201 - North Teutonia Avenue (CTH D) West Bradley Road to North Green Bay Road
- WH026501 - West College Avenue (CTH ZZ) South 26th Street to South Howell Avenue
- WH026801 - South 76th Street (CTH U) West Layton Avenue to West Howard Avenue Reconstruction
- WH027401 - Lincoln Memorial Drive Signal Improvement Juneau Park to Water Tower
- WH027501 - Layton Avenue Signal Improvement South 76th Street to South 47th Street
- WH027901 - Signal at Layton Avenue Intersections 84th, 68th, Nicholson
- WH028601 - West Ryan Road (CTH H) South 96th Street to STH 100 Reconstruction
- WH028701 - South 13th Street (CTH V) Oakwood Road to West Puetz Road Reconstruction
- WH029201 - West Layton Avenue (CTH Y) South 68th Street to South 60th Street

were DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

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Agency No. 510 Highway Maintenance

APPEARANCE:

Eduardo "Eddie" Santiago, Interim Deputy Director, Department of Transportation (DOT) and Director, Highway Maintenance, DOT

Nicole Armendariz, Director of Public Affairs and Marketing, DOT, appeared but did not speak regarding Agency No. 510 - Highway Maintenance.

Agency No. 510 - Highway Maintenance, was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

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Agency No. 530 Fleet Management
* County Fleet Maintenance

APPEARANCE:

John Blonien, Director, Fleet Management, Department of Transportation (DOT)

Nicole Armendariz, Director of Public Affairs and Marketing, DOT, appeared but did not speak regarding Agency No. 530 - Fleet Management (*SPA: County Fleet Maintenance).

Agency No. 530 - Fleet Management (*SPA: County Fleet Maintenance), was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

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[FLEET]

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1275 Fleet (WF)
Capital Project WF061701 - Countywide Vehicle and Equipment
Replacement - 2026

APPEARANCE:

John Blonien, Director, Fleet Management, Department of Transportation (DOT)

Nicole Armendariz, Director of Public Affairs and Marketing, DOT, appeared but did not speak regarding this Fleet Capital Project.

Capital Project WF061701 - Countywide Vehicle and Equipment Replacement - 2026, was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

Item 10 Agency No. 560 - Transit / Paratransit System (*SPA: Paratransit and *SPA: Fixed Route) and Item 11 Capital Project WT015801 - Replacement of Underground Fuel Tanks Kinnickinnic were considered together.

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Agency No. 560 Transit / Paratransit System

* Paratransit

* Fixed Route

APPEARANCES:

Steve Fuentes, President and Chief Executive Officer, Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS)

Sandra "Sandy" Kellner, Chief Administrative Officer, MCTS

Jesus Ochoa, Director of Service Development, MCTS

Brittany Bertsch, Director of Project Management, Safety, and Security, MCTS (virtually)

John Rodgers, Interim Director, Department of Transportation (DOT)

Eduardo "Eddie" Santiago, Interim Deputy Director, DOT, and Director, Highway Maintenance, DOT

Supervisor Patti Logsdon, District 9

Michael Brown, Vice President, Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), Local 998, appeared and spoke against Item 10.

Supervisor Rolland requested details on the finalized labor contract between MCTS and ATU, Local 998.

Supervisor Rolland requested specifics on the \$14 million budget gap, and the costs to prevent service cuts to each proposed route elimination.

Supervisor Logsdon requested information regarding the best recommended alternate bus routes for constituents affected by proposed route changes and cuts.

Supervisor Bielinski requested detailed ridership data on the proposed eliminated routes, including demographic information.

Chairman Johnson, Jr., and Supervisor Rolland requested information comparing MCTS to other transit systems, in terms of operating costs per hour and per mile.

Supervisor Rolland requested a spreadsheet containing the ridership composition of each MCTS route per day.

Items 10 Agency No. 560 - Transit / Paratransit System (*SPA: Paratransit and *SPA: Fixed Route) and Item 11 Capital Project WT015801 - Replacement of Underground Fuel Tanks Kinnickinnic were considered together.

Agency No. 560 - Transit / Paratransit System (*SPA: Paratransit and *SPA: Fixed Route) and Capital Project WT015801 - Replacement of Underground Fuel Tanks Kinnickinnic, were DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET - 1 [TRANSIT]

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1250 Transit (WT)
Capital Project WT015801 - Replacement of Underground Fuel
 Tanks Kinnickinnic

APPEARANCES:

Steve Fuentes, President and Chief Executive Officer, Milwaukee County
Transit System (MCTS)

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Agency No. 580 Director's Office
 * Director of Transportation

APPEARANCES:

John Rodgers, Interim Director, Department of Transportation (DOT)
Nicole Armendariz, Director of Public Affairs and Marketing, DOT

Agency No. 580 - Director's Office (*SPA: Director of Transportation), was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS, if necessary
REGARDING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S 2026 RECOMMENDED BUDGET - 1**

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Unfinished Business, if necessary.

Unfinished Business could include consideration or discussion of any portion of the County Executive's 2026 Recommended Operating or Capital Improvement Budgets. Department Heads should be prepared to attend, if necessary.

There were no appearances for Item 13.

There were no items of Unfinished Business.

Unfinished Business was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

E-COMMENTS - 1

- 14** [25-72](#) eComments submitted to the Committee on Finance 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. 25-72 at the conclusion of each meeting.

Attachments: [25-72 eComments \(10/13/25\)](#)

There were no appearances for Item 14.

The October 13, 2025, record of eComments is attached to this file as "25-72 eComments (10/13/25)."

The October 13, 2025, record of eComments was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

Length of Meeting: 9:01 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

Adjourned,

**Ethan T. Masarik
Committee Coordinator
Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk
Committee on Finance-Budget**

Upcoming Budget Meetings for the Committee on Finance-Budget:

**DEPARTMENTAL BRIEFINGS, at 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, October 14, 2025
Wednesday, October 15, 2025**

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE-BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2026
RECOMMENDED BUDGET, and review of supplemental Departmental
informational reports.
Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.**

**SUPERVISOR BUDGET AMENDMENTS, at 9:00 a.m.
Thursday, October 23, 2025
Friday, October 24, 2025**

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE 2026 RECOMMENDED BUDGET
Monday, October 27, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**

**FINAL SUPERVISOR BUDGET AMENDMENTS, at 9:00 a.m.
Friday, October 31, 2025**