



Milwaukee County

Meeting Minutes Committee on Transportation and Transit

Chairperson: Supervisor Steven Shea
Vice Chairperson: Supervisor Juan Miguel Martinez
Supervisor Priscilla E. Coggs-Jones
Supervisor Justin Bielinski
Supervisor Jack Eckblad

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Wednesday, July 9, 2025

9:30 AM

Room 203-R and Microsoft Teams
County Legislative Information Center

HYBRID MEETING

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 9:30 a.m.

Present 4 - Martinez, Coggs-Jones, Bielinski and Shea

Excused 1 - Eckblad

Supervisor Jack Eckblad was not present at the time the roll was called, but appeared virtually shortly thereafter.

Supervisors Juan Miguel Martinez and Jack Eckblad appeared virtually for today's meeting.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) /
MILWAUKEE MITCHELL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - 1**

- 1 [25-470](#) From the Director, Dept. of Transportation, and the Airport Director, Dept. of Transportation, Airport Division requesting authorization to apply for the issuance of retail Intoxicating Liquor Permits for use at Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport (the "Airport") with all fees to be paid by SSP America Inc. and Paradies-Mark II, LLC ("Concessionaires").

Attachments: [25-470 REPORT](#)
 [25-470 RESOLUTION](#)
 [25-470 FISCAL NOTE](#)

APPEARANCES:

Eduardo "Eddie" Santiago, Interim Deputy Director, Department of Transportation (DOT), and Director, Highway Maintenance Division, DOT
Brian Dranzik, Airport Director, Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport, DOT (virtually)

A motion was made by Supervisor Eckblad that this Action Report be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Martinez, Coggs-Jones, Bielinski, Eckblad and Shea

DOT / MILWAUKEE COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM (MCTS) - 2

- 2 [25-473](#) From the Director, Department of Transportation and the Interim President & CEO, Milwaukee County Transit System providing an Informational Report on MCTS' Projected Year End Deficit for 2025. **(Considered by the Committees on Transportation and Transit; and Finance) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [25-473 REPORT](#)
 [25-473 POWERPOINT \(received 07/08/25\)](#)

APPEARANCES:

Eduardo "Eddie" Santiago, Interim Deputy Director, Department of Transportation (DOT), and Director, Highway Maintenance Division, DOT
Sandra Kellner, Interim President and Chief Executive Officer, Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS), and Chief Administrative Officer, MCTS
Alexander Corona, Chief Financial Officer, MCTS
Joseph "Joe" Lamers, Director, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance
Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr., District 2
Ethan T. Masarik, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk

The following people appeared and spoke for information only regarding this Informational Report:

Michael Brown, Vice President, Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), Local 998
Kyle Handel, ATU, Local 998
BJ Ermenc, Member, Committee for Persons with Disabilities, City of Wauwatosa
Thomas "Tom" Stawicki, Legislative Director, ATU, Local 998 (virtually)
Donnell Shorter, ATU, Local 998 (virtually)
Bruce Freeman, President, ATU, Local 998 (virtually)

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

CLOSED SESSION - ITEM 3

The Committee may adjourn into closed session under the provisions of Section 19.85(1)(g), Wisconsin State Statutes (State Statutes), for the purpose of the Committee receiving oral or written advice from legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted with respect to pending or possible litigation with regard to the following matter(s).

At the conclusion of the closed session, the Committee may reconvene in open session to take whatever actions it may deem necessary.

A motion was made by Supervisor Eckblad that this meeting be ADJOURNED INTO CLOSED SESSION to consider Item 3, under the provisions of Section 19.85(1)(g), State Statutes. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Coggs-Jones, Bielinski, Eckblad and Shea

Excused: 1 - Martinez

3 [25-472](#)

From the Director, Dept. of Transportation and the Interim President & CEO, Milwaukee County Transit System, providing an information report on the Microtransit and Same Day Paratransit Feasibility Study.

(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)

Attachments: [25-472 REPORT](#)
 [25-472 POWERPOINT](#)

APPEARANCES:

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

Sandra Kellner, Interim President and Chief Executive Officer, Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS), and Chief Administrative Officer, MCTS

Scott F. Brown, Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel

The following people appeared and spoke for information only regarding this Informational Report:

Mike Zabel, Consultant Project Manager, HNTB

Paul Buharin, Senior Vice President, Midwest Region, Transdev

Kyle Handel, Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 998

Item 3 was discussed in both Open and Closed Session.

A motion was made by Supervisor Coggs-Jones that this Informational Report be RECOMMENDED TO BE RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Coggs-Jones, Bielinski, Eckblad and Shea

Excused: 1 - Martinez

The Committee was in Closed Session from 12:12 p.m. to 1:04 p.m.

The Committee reconvened in Open Session at 1:04 p.m.

A motion was made by Supervisor Bielinski that the Committee RECONVENE in Open Session. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Bielinski, Eckblad and Shea

Excused: 2 - Martinez and Coggs-Jones

Upon reconvening in Open Session, the roll was taken and four members were present.

Roll Call at 1:04 p.m.

Present 4 - Coggs-Jones, Bielinski, Eckblad and Shea

Excused 1 - Martinez

Supervisor Jack Eckblad appeared virtually for today's meeting.

MCTS - 1

- 4 [25-26](#) From the President and Managing Director, Milwaukee County Transit System, providing an informational report regarding transit/paratransit-related matters responsive to or within the 2025 Adopted Budget. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [25-26 JULY REPORT \(received 06/18/25\)](#)
 [25-26 POWERPOINT \(received 07/08/25\)](#)

APPEARANCES:

Frances "Fran" Musci, Director of Paratransit, Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS)

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

Sandra Kellner, Interim President and Chief Executive Officer, Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS), and Chief Administrative Officer, MCTS, appeared but did not speak regarding the July Report for this Reference File.

The following people appeared and spoke in favor of the July Report for this Reference File:

Rebecca "Becky" Rabatin, Member, Milwaukee County Paratransit Taxi Task Force (PTTF), and Community Action and Legislative Policy Analyst, Independence First (IF)

Kris Drollinger

Kevin Meyers, Member, PTTF, and Member, Transportation Advocacy Committee, IF

The following people appeared and spoke for information only regarding the July Report for this Reference File:

Denise Northway (virtually)

Jedediah "Jed" Moss (virtually)

Steven Gastreich (virtually)

Genevieve Drifka (virtually)

BJ Ermenc, Member, Commission for Persons with Disabilities, City of Wauwatosa

A motion was made by Supervisor Coggs-Jones that the July Report for this Reference File be **RECOMMENDED TO BE RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Coggs-Jones, Bielinski, Eckblad and Shea

Excused: 1 - Martinez

DOT - 1

- 5 [25-471](#) From the Director, Department of Transportation, providing an informational report regarding Upcoming Road Construction and Long-Term Closures within Milwaukee County. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [25-471 REPORT](#)
 [25-471 POWERPOINT](#)
 [25-471 SOUTH 13TH STREET PROJECT OVERVIEW](#)
 [25-471 RAWSON AVENUE PROJECT OVERVIEW](#)
 [25-471 SOUTH 76TH STREET PROJECT OVERVIEW](#)

APPEARANCE:

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

Roberto "Bob" Gutierrez, Director, Southeast Region, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, appeared virtually and spoke for information only regarding this Informational Report.

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

OFFICE OF ECONOMIC INCLUSION DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - 1

- 6 [25-22](#) From the Director, Office of Economic Inclusion, Department of Administrative Services, providing an informational report regarding participation and departmental waivers of Milwaukee County's Targeted Business Enterprise Program, and Federally-funded projects relative to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises and Airport Concession Disadvantaged Business Enterprises. **(Considered by the Committees on Transportation and Transit; and Community, Environment, and Economic Development) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [25-22 JULY REPORT \(received 06/18/25\)](#)

APPEARANCE:

Lamont Robinson, Director, Office of Economic Inclusion, Department of Administrative Services (virtually)

The July Report for this Reference File was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

RESOLUTION - 1

- 7 [25-479](#) A resolution requesting the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) to develop a data-informed bus fare compliance strategy to strengthen revenue and ensure long-term sustainability (**Referred to the Committees on Transportation and Transit; and Finance**)

Sponsors: Rolland, Eckblad, Vincent, Logsdon and Capriolo

Attachments: [25-479 RESOLUTION](#)
 [25-479 FISCAL NOTE](#)

APPEARANCE:
Supervisor Shawn Rolland, District 6

The following people appeared but did not speak regarding this Resolution:
Sandra Kellner, Interim President and Chief Executive Officer, Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS), and Chief Administrative Officer, MCTS
Eduardo "Eddie" Santiago, Interim Deputy Director, Department of Transportation (DOT), and Director, Highway Maintenance Division, DOT

The following people appeared and spoke for information only regarding this Resolution:
Kyle Handel, Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), Local 998
Michael Brown, Vice President, ATU, Local 998

A motion was made by Supervisor Eckblad that this Resolution be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Coggs-Jones, Bielinski, Eckblad and Shea

Excused: 1 - Martinez

E-COMMENTS - 1

- 8 [25-21](#) eComments submitted to the Committee on Transportation and Transit 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. 25-21 at the conclusion of each meeting.

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

There were no eComments submitted for the July 9, 2025, meeting.

The July 9, 2025, record of eComments was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN**.

The foregoing items were not considered in agenda order.

Length of Meeting: 9:30 a.m. to 1:48 p.m.

Adjourned,

Ethan T. Masarik
Committee Coordinator
Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk
Committee on Transportation and Transit

Deadline for the next meeting:

The next regular meeting for the Committee on Transportation and Transit is
Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

Approval Tracking System review must be completed in Legistar on or before
Friday, August 15, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., for the September meeting cycle.