

MILWAUKEE COUNTY FISCAL NOTE FORM

DATE: 02/13/2026

Original Fiscal Note

Substitute Fiscal Note

SUBJECT: From the Director, Department of Transportation, requesting authorization to process an administrative appropriation transfer in the amount of \$404,886 from the 2025 unallocated contingency to the Milwaukee County Transit System to pay off the remaining depreciation on two damaged buses that were declared a total loss in 2025.

FISCAL EFFECT:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Direct County Fiscal Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Expenditures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Existing Staff Time Required | <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Expenditures |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Expenditures
(If checked, check one of two boxes below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Revenues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Absorbed Within Agency's Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Revenues |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Absorbed Within Agency's Budget | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Expenditures | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use of contingent funds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Revenues | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Revenues | |

Indicate below the dollar change from budget for any submission that is projected to result in increased/decreased expenditures or revenues in the current year.

	Expenditure or Revenue Category	Current Year	Subsequent Year
Operating Budget	Expenditure	\$404,886	\$0
	Revenue	\$0	\$0
	Net Cost	\$404,886	\$0
Capital Improvement Budget	Expenditure	\$0	\$0
	Revenue	\$0	\$0
	Net Cost	\$0	\$0

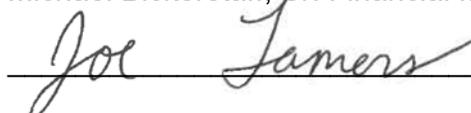
DESCRIPTION OF FISCAL EFFECT

In the space below, you must provide the following information. Attach additional pages if necessary.

- A. Briefly describe the nature of the action that is being requested or proposed, and the new or changed conditions that would occur if the request or proposal were adopted.
- B. State the direct costs, savings or anticipated revenues associated with the requested or proposed action in the current budget year and how those were calculated. ¹ If annualized or subsequent year fiscal impacts are substantially different from current year impacts, then those shall be stated as well. In addition, cite any one-time costs associated with the action, the source of any new or additional revenues (e.g. State, Federal, user fee or private donation), the use of contingent funds, and/or the use of budgeted appropriations due to surpluses or change in purpose required to fund the requested action.
- C. Discuss the budgetary impacts associated with the proposed action in the current year. A statement that sufficient funds are budgeted should be justified with information regarding the amount of budgeted appropriations in the relevant account and whether that amount is sufficient to offset the cost of the requested action. If relevant, discussion of budgetary impacts in subsequent years also shall be discussed. Subsequent year fiscal impacts shall be noted for the entire period in which the requested or proposed action would be implemented when it is reasonable to do so (i.e. a five-year lease agreement shall specify the costs/savings for each of the five years in question). Otherwise, impacts associated with the existing and subsequent budget years should be cited.
- D. Describe any assumptions or interpretations that were utilized to provide the information on this form.
- A. From the Director of the Milwaukee County Department of Transportation (MCDOT), requesting authorization to process an administrative appropriation transfer in the amount of \$404,886 from the 2025 unallocated contingency to the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) to pay off the remaining depreciation on two damaged buses that were declared a total loss in 2025.
- B. The cost is estimated to total \$404,886 for the remaining depreciation of the two buses that were lost due to reckless driving.
- C. These costs were not anticipated in the 2025 adopted budget, since depreciation is typically paid over 12 years. The full remaining depreciation must now be recorded in 2025, which is the year the assets lost their value. In order to account for this unplanned expenditure, a request is being made to transfer contingency funds to MCTS to cover the additional depreciation cost in 2025.
- D. No assumptions were made.

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Authorized Signature



Did DAS-Fiscal Staff Review? Yes No

Did CBDP Review? Yes No Not Required

¹ If it is assumed that there is no fiscal impact associated with the requested action, then an explanatory statement that justifies that conclusion shall be provided. If precise impacts cannot be calculated, then an estimate or range should be provided.