

### **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, December 3, 2025

9:30 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 9:32 a.m.

Present 5 - Martinez, Coggs-Jones, Bielinski, Eckblad and Shea

Supervisors Juan Miguel Martinez, Priscilla E. Coggs-Jones, Justin Bielinski, and Jack Eckblad appeared virtually for today's meeting.

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) / MILWAUKEE COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM (MCTS) - 3

1 25-82

From the Interim Director, Department of Transportation, and the President and Chief Executive Officer, Milwaukee County Transit System, providing an informational report regarding the transit funding shortfall. (Considered by the Committees on Transportation and Transit; and Finance) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)

Attachments: 25-82 DECEMBER REPORT (received 11/14/25)

#### APPEARANCES:

Sandra "Sandy" Kellner, Chief Administrative Officer, Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS)

Steve Fuentes, President and Chief Executive Officer, MCTS

Thomas "Tom" Stawicki, Legislative Director, Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 998, appeared virtually and spoke for information only regarding the December Report for this Reference File.

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

2 25-748

From the Interim Director, Department of Transportation, the Transportation Engineering Director, Department of Transportation, and the President and CEO, Milwaukee County Transit System, requesting retroactive authorization to apply for funding under the Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ), the Surface Transportation Program (STP-U), and the Local Bridge Program. (Referred to the Committees on Transportation and Transit; and Finance)

Attachments: 25-748 REPORT

25-748 RESOLUTION 25-748 FISCAL NOTE

#### **APPEARANCES:**

John Rodgers, Interim Director, Department of Transportation Ethan T. Masarik, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk

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

#### **3** 25-751

From the Interim Director, Department of Transportation and the President & CEO, Milwaukee County Transit System, request approval for an update of the MCTS Agency Safety Plan (ASP).

Attachments: 25-751 REPORT

25-751 RESOLUTION 25-751 FISCAL NOTE

25-751 MCTS AGENCY SAFETY PLAN (43 pages)

25-751 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION

#### **APPEARANCES:**

Nilsa Rosado Jurkiewicz, Director of Risk Management, Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS)

Brittany Bertsch, Director of Safety, Security, and Project Management, MCTS

Thomas "Tom" Stawicki, Legislative Director, Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 998, appeared virtually and spoke for information only regarding this Action Report.

A motion was made by Supervisor Martinez 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 - 1**

#### **4** <u>25-749</u>

From the Interim Director, Department of Transportation Providing a Project Status Update on the I-94 East-West Reconstruction Project and its Impact on Milwaukee County Departments. (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)

Attachments: 25-749 REPORT

25-749 POWERPOINT

#### **APPEARANCES:**

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

David Locher, Manager of Enhanced Transit, Milwaukee County Transit System (virtually)

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

Roberto "Bob" Gutierrez, Director, Southeast Region, Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT)

Bill Mohr, Design Supervisor, Southeast Region, WisDOT Jason Roselle, Construction Chief, Southeast Region, WisDOT Timothy "Tim" Vik, Traffic Operations Engineer, HNTB Kris Drollinger

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

## OFFICE OF ECONOMIC INCLUSION DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - 1

5 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 DECEMBER REPORT (received 11/15/25)

#### **APPEARANCE:**

Lamont Robinson, Director, Office of Economic Inclusion, Department of Administrative Services

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

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#### DOT / MCTS - 1

#### 6 <u>25-792</u>

2026 Adopted Budget Amendment 19: From the Interim Director,
Department of Transportation and the President & CEO, Milwaukee
County Transit System, providing an Action Item Report on MCTS' Plan
to maximize 2026 Transit and Paratransit service levels and minimize
community disruption. (Referred to the Committee on Transportation
and Transit for INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY per Section
59.60(8), Wisconsin State Statutes; Referred to the Committee on
Finance)

Attachments: 25-792 REPORT

25-792 RESOLUTION 25-792 FISCAL NOTE 25-792 POWERPOINT

25-792 WRITTEN TESTIMONY (12/03/25)

#### **APPEARANCES:**

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

Jesus Ochoa, Director, Service Development, MCTS
Brian DeNeve, Director, Marketing and Communications, MCTS

Sandra "Sandy" Kellner, Chief Administrative Officer, MCTS

Frances "Fran" Musci, Director of Paratransit, MCTS

Brittany Bertsch, Director of Safety, Security, and Project Management, MCTS

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

Kevin Meyers, Member, Paratransit Taxi Task Force (PTTF), Co-Chairperson, Transit Services Advisory Committee, and Transportation Advocacy Team, Independence First (IF)

Kris Drollinger

Jedediah "Jed" Moss (virtually)

Thomas "Tom" Stawicki, Legislative Director, Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), Local 998 (virtually)

Michael Brown, Vice President, ATU, Local 998 (virtually)

Rebecca Rabatin, Member, PTTF, and Community Action and Legislative Policy Analyst, IF (virtually)

Ms. Rabatin provided written testimony, which is attached to this file as "25-792 WRITTEN TESTIMONY (12/03/25)."

This Action Report was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Transit for INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY per Section 59.60(8), Wisconsin State Statutes, and was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

#### E-COMMENTS - 1

**7** 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.

Attachments: 25-21 eComments (12/03/25)

There were no appearances for Item 7.

The December 3, 2025, record of eComments is attached to this file as "25-21 eComments (12/03/25)."

The December 3, 2025, record of eComments was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

The foregoing items were not considered in agenda order.

Length of Meeting: 9:32 a.m. to 11:45 a.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, January 21, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

Approval Tracking System review must be completed in Legistar on or before WEDNESDAY, December 31, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., for the January meeting cycle.

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