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County of Milwaukee
Interoffice Communication

DATE: October 14, 2013

TO: Sup. Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
Sup. Willie Johnson, Jr., Co-Chair, Committee on Finance, Personnel and Audit
Sup. David Cullen, Co-Chair, Committee on Finance, Personnel and Audit

FROM: Stephanie Sue Stein, Director, Department on Aging

RE: Request for authorization to increase by \$100,000, from \$1,356,745 to \$1,456,745,
the contract with Transit Express, Inc., to provide 2013 Specialized Elderly
Transportation Services, originally authorized under File No. 13-19

I respectfully request that the attached resolution be scheduled for consideration by the
Committee on Finance, Personnel and Audit at its meeting on October 31, 2013.


The attached resolution authorizes the Director, Department on Aging, to increase by
\$100,000, from \$1,356,745 to \$1,456,745, the contract with Transit Express, Inc., to provide
2013 Specialized Elderly Transportation Services, originally authorized under File No. 13-19.

The Department awards funds to provider agencies based on the availability of federal, state, and
local funds, allowable costs, usage by older persons of programs and services, and changes in
service demand. For many contractual services, actual participation is a function of service
availability, client needs, weather, and other factors that cannot be precisely known at the time
contracts are awarded. When additional funds become available, the Department seeks to use
those funds to fully reimburse vendors for the services they provide.

The Specialized Elderly Transportation Services program provides eligible seniors with rides for
medical appointments, grocery shopping, Senior Meal Program nutrition sites, nursing home
visits, and general shopping. The increase in medical rides has been especially acute, growing
from 15,422 in 2009 to 22,214 in 2012, an increase of 44.0%. Based on current demand through
September, medical rides could total more than 23,000 this year. The combination of seniors'
aging-in-place, higher participation by seniors living in poverty, and the age of participants all
contribute to that increase. In addition to increased service demand, reductions in Wisconsin
s.85.21 grants to Milwaukee County reduced the Specialized Elderly Transportation Services
allocation by \$33,548, with 31,200 (93%) applied to direct services.

Adoption of the resolution will enable the Department to maintain service levels, and to fully
reimburse the vendor for services provided. Sufficient funds have been identified in the 2013
State/County Contract for this purpose.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 2-6876.


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