

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**

**INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

DATE: May 17, 2017

TO: Supervisor Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chair, County Board of Supervisors  
Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr., Chair, Transportation, Public Works &  
Transit Committee  
Supervisor Peggy West, Chair, Finance and Audit Committee

FROM: Brian Dranzik, Director, Department of Transportation

SUBJECT: Milwaukee County's 2017 Section 85.20 Urban Mass Transit Operating  
Assistance Contract with WisDOT

**POLICY**

Per Wisconsin Statute 59.52(31) approval of the County Board is required to enter into a contract that exceeds \$300,000.

**BACKGROUND**

Section 85.20, Wisconsin Statutes, creates an urban mass transit operating assistance program for the purpose of promoting the general public good by preserving and improving existing urban mass transit systems in Wisconsin. Section 20.395 of the state statutes appropriates funds for the Section 85.20 mass transit operating assistance program, which in calendar year 2017 totals \$64,193,900 for Milwaukee County.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has determined that Milwaukee County meets the eligibility requirements of the Section 85.20 program, and accordingly, \$64,193,900 is available for MCTS fixed-route and paratransit operations in 2017 upon execution of a contract.

Upon approval, the Milwaukee County Department of Transportation will forward the contract to WisDOT for signature and execution.

**FISCAL NOTE**

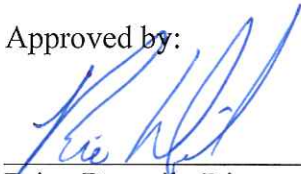
There is no 2017 budgetary impact as the expenditures and revenue for the section 85.20 urban mass transit operating assistance program were included in the operating budget for Transit/Paratransit. Authorization to execute the contract will simply allow Milwaukee County to realize the \$64,193,900 in budgeted mass transit operating revenue as an offset to expenditures in support of MCTS fixed-route and paratransit operations.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Director of the Milwaukee County Department of Transportation requests authorization to enter into a contract with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the 2017 Section 85.20 Urban Mass Transit Operating Assistance Program.

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