



Milwaukee County

Meeting Minutes Committee on Transportation and Transit

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Supervisor Justin Bielinski
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Wednesday, April 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, Bielinski, Eckblad and Shea

Excused 1 - Coggs-Jones

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

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) - 1

- 1 [25-269](#) From the Director, Department of Transportation, requesting authorization to apply for, accept, and execute contracts, and administer Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program grant funds for awardees within the Milwaukee urbanized area. **(Referred to the Committees on Transportation and Transit; and Finance)**

Attachments: [25-269 REPORT](#)
 [25-269 RESOLUTION](#)
 [25-269 FISCAL NOTE](#)

APPEARANCE:

Kirsten Mawhinney, Senior Grants Compliance Manager, Department of Transportation

Jennifer Sarnecki, Deputy Chief Transportation Planner, Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, appeared 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: 4 - Martinez, Bielinski, Eckblad and Shea

Excused: 1 - Coggs-Jones

DOT / MILWAUKEE MITCHELL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - 1

- 2 [25-272](#) From the Director, Department of Transportation and the Airport Director, Department of Transportation Requesting an Appropriation Transfer to increase expenditure authority to \$95,200,000 in Order to appropriately align design funds and to fund the construction phase for Capital Project WA0221 - GMIA International Terminal Project. **(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: [25-272 REPORT](#)
 [25-272 RESOLUTION](#)
 [25-272 FISCAL NOTE](#)

APPEARANCES:

Samta Bhatnagar, Director of Finance, Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport, Department of Transportation (virtually)
Ethan T. Masarik, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk

A motion was made by Supervisor Martinez that this Action Report be **RECOMMENDED TO BE RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE**. A roll call vote was not taken on the motion.

This Action Report was considered by 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**.

DOT / MILWAUKEE COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM - 2

- 3 [25-270](#) **2025 Adopted Budget Amendment 16:** From the Director, Department of Transportation and the Interim President and Managing Director, Milwaukee County Transit System, requesting approval to not implement the Transportation Network Companies (TNC) bus driver relief pilot program, as directed in the 2025 Adopted Budget for Milwaukee County. **(Referred to the Committees on Transportation and Transit; and Finance)**

Attachments: [25-270 REPORT](#)
 [25-270 RESOLUTION](#)
 [25-270 FISCAL NOTE](#)

APPEARANCES:

Julie Esch, Interim President and Managing Director, Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS)
Kevin Pumphrey, Chief Operating Officer, MCTS
Ethan T. Masarik, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk
John Rodgers, Deputy Director, Department of Transportation

The following individuals appeared and spoke against this Action Report:
Bruce Freeman, President, Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), Local 998
Nycola Phifer, Steward, ATU, Local 998

The following individuals appeared and spoke for information only regarding this Action Report:
Michael Brown, Vice President, ATU, Local 998
Yelonda Nash, Financial Secretary and Treasurer, ATU, Local 998
Thomas "Tom" Stawicki, Legislative Director, ATU, Local 998 (virtually)
Donnell Shorter, ATU, Local 998 (virtually)

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

Aye: 4 - Martinez, Bielinski, Eckblad and Shea

Excused: 1 - Coggs-Jones

- 4 [25-271](#) **2025 Adopted Budget Amendment 13:** From the Director, Department of Transportation and the Interim President and Managing Director, Milwaukee County Transit System, providing an Information Report regarding the Transit Plus Program including the Same Day Pilot. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [25-271 REPORT](#)
 [25-271 POWERPOINT](#)

APPEARANCES:

Frances "Fran" Musci, Director of Paratransit, Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS)
Julie Esch, Interim President and Managing Director, MCTS

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

Kevin Meyers, Member, Milwaukee County Paratransit Taxi Taskforce
Donnell Shorter, Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 998

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

OFFICE OF STRATEGY, BUDGET, AND PERFORMANCE - 1

- 5 [25-131](#) **2025 Adopted Budget Amendment No. 9:** From the Director Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance providing an informational report related to prioritization of bus and fleet purchases at the start of the annual Capital Improvement Committee process pursuant to 2025 Adopted County Board Amendment #09 **(Considered by the Committees on Transportation and Transit; and Finance)** **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [25-131 REPORT](#)
 [25-131 ATTACHMENT 1 CIC SCORING DETAIL](#)
 [25-131 POWERPOINT \(received 03/13/25\)](#)

APPEARANCES:

Vincent "Vince" Masterson, Capital Budget Coordinator, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance (virtually)
John Rodgers, Deputy Director, Department of Transportation

Donnell Shorter, Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 998, 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 APRIL REPORT \(received 03/28/25\)](#)

APPEARANCE:

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

The April Report for this Reference File 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.

There were no appearances for Item 7.

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

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

Length of Meeting: 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 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, May 7, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

Approval Tracking System review must be completed in Legistar on or before
THURSDAY, April 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., for the May meeting cycle.