

County of Milwaukee
Interoffice Communication

DATE: 8/21/2020

TO: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Donna Brown-Martin, Director, Department of Transportation

SUBJECT: Authorization to Accept Federal Surface Transportation Program – Milwaukee Urbanized Area (STP-M) Grant Funds for Transit Bus Replacement

POLICY

Chapter 56 of the Milwaukee County Administrative Code requires authorization from the County Board to accept state or federal discretionary grant awards.

BACKGROUND

Applications were submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) in July 2017 for consideration of Federal Surface Transportation Program – Milwaukee Urbanized Area (STP-M) by the Advisory Committee on Transportation System Planning and Programming for the Milwaukee Urbanized Area.

In October 2018, the Advisory Committee on Transportation System Planning and Programming for the Milwaukee Urbanized Area made their recommendations for project approval. Among the projects included in this recommendation was the funding of eight 40-foot buses for Milwaukee County with \$3,557,523 of Federal funds, which was 88% of the 2021-2022 STP-M total for transit projects. The remaining \$471,200 of STP-M transit funding was made available to the city Waukesha and Washington County.

For awarded projects, STP-M requires a 20 percent local matching funds contribution. Total approved project (estimated) costs of \$4,446,900 for replacement of eight (8) transit buses would be funded by \$3,557,523 in federal funding and \$889,377 in required Milwaukee County matching funds.

The Milwaukee County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) recommends that Milwaukee County accept the federal STP-M funds for bus replacement currently. MCDOT will include the capital project for bus replacement with both the federal funding and required Milwaukee County match component as part of a future request.

FISCAL EFFECT

The Federal Surface Transportation Program – Milwaukee Urbanized Area (STP-M) grant requires a local match of 20 percent for the bus replacement capital project.

Total approved project (estimated) cost of \$4,446,900 would be funded by \$3,557,523 in federal STP-M revenue and \$889,377 in required Milwaukee County matching funds. The cost for the project, including the offsetting federal revenue and required Milwaukee County matching funds contribution, would be included for County Board approval as part of a future request.

RECOMMENDATION

The Director of the Milwaukee County Department of Transportation is recommending authority be granted to accept \$3,557,523 in Federal Surface Transportation Program – Milwaukee Urbanized Area (STP-M) funds covering the grant award period of 2021-2022.

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