



Milwaukee County

Meeting Minutes Committee on Transportation and Transit

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Wednesday, March 4, 2026

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 9:30 a.m.

Present 4 - Martinez, Bielinski, Eckblad and Shea

Excused 1 - Coggs-Jones

Supervisors Justin Bielinski and Jack Eckblad appeared virtually for today's meeting.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) /
MILWAUKEE COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM - 2**

- 1 [26-321](#) From the Director, Department of Transportation and the President & CEO, Milwaukee County Transit System, requesting authorization to apply for and accept, if awarded, Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant funds for transit infrastructure enhancements at MCTS facilities. **(Referred to the Committees on Transportation and Transit; and Finance)**

Attachments: [26-321 REPORT](#)
 [26-321 REVISED REPORT \(received 02/19/26\)](#)
 [26-321 RESOLUTION](#)
 [26-321 FISCAL NOTE](#)

APPEARANCE:
Sandra "Sandy" Kellner, Chief Administrative Officer, Milwaukee County Transit System

Kevin Meyers, Member, Milwaukee County Paratransit Taxi Task Force, Co-Chairperson, Transit Services Advisory Committee, and Member, Transportation Advocacy Team, Independence First, 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: 4 - Martinez, Bielinski, Eckblad and Shea

Excused: 1 - Coggs-Jones

- 2 [26-24](#) From the 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: [26-24 MARCH REPORT \(received 02/13/26\)](#)

APPEARANCES:

Joseph "Joe" Lamers, Director, Department of Transportation
Sandra "Sandy" Kellner, Chief Administrative Officer, Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS)
Supervisor Kathleen Vincent, District 11 (virtually)
Jesus Ochoa, Director, Service Development, MCTS

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

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

DOT - 2

- 3 [26-322](#) From the Director, Department of Transportation, requesting authorization to process an administrative appropriation transfer in the amount of \$404,886 from the 2025 unallocated contingency to the Milwaukee County Transit System to pay off the remaining depreciation on two damaged buses that were declared a total loss in 2025. **(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: [26-322 REPORT](#)
 [26-322 REVISED REPORT \(received 02/19/26\)](#)
 [26-322 RESOLUTION](#)
 [26-322 FISCAL NOTE](#)

APPEARANCES:

Joseph "Joe" Lamers, Director, Department of Transportation (DOT)
Michael "Mike" Bickerstaff, Senior Financial Manager, DOT

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.**

- 4 [26-318](#) From the Director, Department of Transportation, providing an Informational Report regarding the Complete Communities Transportation Planning Project Update and Municipal Safety Action Plans. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [26-318 REPORT](#)
 [26-318 POWERPOINT](#)
 [26-318 REVISED POWERPOINT \(03/04/26\)](#)

APPEARANCE:

Jeff Sponcia, Transportation Program Planning Manager, Director's Office,
Department of Transportation

Mr. Sponcia provided a revised electronic presentation, which is attached to this file as "26-318 REVISED POWERPOINT (03/04/26)."

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

OFFICE OF CORPORATION COUNSEL - 1

- 5 [26-304](#) **2026 Adopted Budget Amendment 02:** From the Office of Corporation Counsel to provide an informational report describing the governance structure of Milwaukee Transport Services, Inc. **(Considered by the Committees on Transportation and Transit; and Finance)** **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [26-304 REPORT](#)
 [26-304 MTS ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION](#)
 [26-304 MTS BYLAWS](#)

APPEARANCES:

William "Bill" Davidson, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel (virtually)

Joseph "Joe" Lamers, Director, Department of Transportation

Thomas "Tom" Stawicki, Legislative Director, 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.

E-COMMENTS - 1

6 [26-21](#) 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. 26-21 at the conclusion of each meeting.

There were no appearances for Item 6.

There were no eComments submitted for the March 4, 2026, meeting.

The March 4, 2026, record of eComments was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

The foregoing items were not considered in agenda order.

Length of Meeting: 9:30 a.m. to 11:06 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 will be determined after the Monday, April 20, 2026, Organizational Meeting of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors.

Approval Tracking System review must be completed in Legistar on or before WEDNESDAY, April 22, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., for the May meeting cycle.