

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE: July 25, 2012
TO: Frank Busalacchi, Director, Department of Transportation
FROM: Lloyd Grant, Jr., MCTS Managing Director
SUBJECT: Narrative on 2013 WETAP Grant Application

Narrative

This report is to inform the Committee of steps taken to apply for WETAP/JARC funds for continued operation of extended service on 5 bus routes in CY 2013.

This service is included in the requested 2013 transit budget; therefore the budget assumes the grant application will be approved.

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TO: Michael Mayo, Sr., Chairperson, Transportation, Public Works & Transit Committee

FROM: Frank Busalacchi, Director, Department of Transportation

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BACKGROUND

The Wisconsin Employment Transportation Assistance program (WETAP) combines the Federal Job Access Reverse Commute program (JARC), State Transportation Employment and Mobility program (TEAM), and local funding sources to assist transportation providers in connecting low-income workers with jobs through enhanced local transit services.

MCTS currently operates five (5) bus routes utilizing WETAP and local funds to help low-income workers get to jobs. This enhanced bus service operates at times of the day and week that MCTS does not normally operate bus service due to low ridership. The grant allows the transit system to continue operating bus service to those areas so that workers can have mobility and stay connected to jobs. Enhanced service includes: An extension of service on Route 12 (Teutonia-Hampton) from Good Hope Road to Cherrywood Lane on weekends; continuation of service on Route 17 (Canal Street); an extension of service on Route 27 (27th Street) from Hampton Avenue and Green Bay Road to the Glendale Industrial Park; improvement in mid-day frequency of service on Route 28 (108th Street); and an extension of Route 54 (Mitchell-Burnham) from 1st and Mitchell to United Migrant Opportunity Services (UMOS) at 27th and S. Chase Avenue.

In order to meet the July 13, 2012 application deadline for calendar year 2013 funding, MCTS has submitted an application to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to continue funding for this job based enhanced transit service in CY 2013. The requested WETAP funding is \$807,000. Announcement of WETAP grant awards by the State of Wisconsin generally takes place in October or November; however, this typically occurs before the Milwaukee County budget process is concluded. Once the award notification is provided, the department will request approval to accept the grant.

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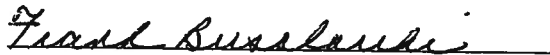
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RECOMMENDATION

This report is informational only unless otherwise directed by the Committee.

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Frank Busalacchi

Director, Department of Transportation

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