

MILWAUKEE COUNTY FISCAL NOTE FORM

DATE: October 29, 2025

Original Fiscal Note

Substitute Fiscal Note

SUBJECT: A resolution requesting the Milwaukee County Department of Transportation and the Milwaukee County Transit System to develop a plan to maximize 2026 transit and paratransit service levels and minimize community disruption

FISCAL EFFECT:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Direct County Fiscal Impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing Staff Time Required <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Expenditures (If checked, check one of two boxes below) <input type="checkbox"/> Absorbed Within Agency's Budget <input type="checkbox"/> Not Absorbed Within Agency's Budget <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Expenditures <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Revenues | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Expenditures <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Expenditures <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Use of contingent funds |
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Indicate below the dollar change from budget for any submission that is projected to result in increased/decreased expenditures or revenues in the current year.

| | Expenditure or Revenue Category | Current Year | Subsequent Year |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Operating Budget | Expenditure | \$0 | \$0 |
| | Revenue | \$0 | \$0 |
| | Net Cost | \$0 | \$0 |
| Capital Improvement Budget | Expenditure | \$0 | \$0 |
| | Revenue | \$0 | \$0 |
| | Net Cost | \$0 | \$0 |

DESCRIPTION OF FISCAL EFFECT

In the space below, you must provide the following information. Attach additional pages if necessary.

- A. Briefly describe the nature of the action that is being requested or proposed, and the new or changed conditions that would occur if the request or proposal were adopted.
 - B. State the direct costs, savings or anticipated revenues associated with the requested or proposed action in the current budget year and how those were calculated.¹ If annualized or subsequent year fiscal impacts are substantially different from current year impacts, then those shall be stated as well. In addition, cite any one-time costs associated with the action, the source of any new or additional revenues (e.g. State, Federal, user fee or private donation), the use of contingent funds, and/or the use of budgeted appropriations due to surpluses or change in purpose required to fund the requested action.
 - C. Discuss the budgetary impacts associated with the proposed action in the current year. A statement that sufficient funds are budgeted should be justified with information regarding the amount of budgeted appropriations in the relevant account and whether that amount is sufficient to offset the cost of the requested action. If relevant, discussion of budgetary impacts in subsequent years also shall be discussed. Subsequent year fiscal impacts shall be noted for the entire period in which the requested or proposed action would be implemented when it is reasonable to do so (i.e. a five-year lease agreement shall specify the costs/savings for each of the five years in question). Otherwise, impacts associated with the existing and subsequent budget years should be cited.
 - D. Describe any assumptions or interpretations that were utilized to provide the information on this form.
- A. Approval of this resolution requests Milwaukee County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) and the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) to identify and pursue additional strategies and partnerships to preserve, to the greatest extent practicable, both paratransit and fixed-route transit services within the appropriations provided in the 2026 Adopted Budget. MCDOT and MCTS shall report to the County Board of Supervisors during the December 2025 meeting cycle with findings and recommendations outlining how the appropriations in the 2026 Adopted Budget will be used to maximize fixed-route transit and paratransit service levels while minimizing disruption to the community.
 - B. There are no direct costs associated with this resolution. Staff time will be required to effectuate.
 - C. There are no budgetary impacts associated with this resolution.
 - D. No assumptions or interpretations were made.

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¹ If it is assumed that there is no fiscal impact associated with the requested action, then an explanatory statement that justifies that conclusion shall be provided. If precise impacts cannot be calculated, then an estimate or range should be provided.

² Community Business Development Partners' review is required on all professional service and public work construction contracts.

Authorized Signature

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Did DAS-Fiscal Staff Review?

Yes

No

Did CBDP Review?²

Yes

No

Not Required