



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

**DAVID CROWLEY**

MILWAUKEE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Date: January 5, 2026

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: David Crowley, County Executive

Subject: Appointment of Joe Lamers to Executive Director of the Milwaukee County Department of Transportation

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute Sec. 59.17(2) and subject to confirmation by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, I am pleased to appoint **Mr. Joe Lamers** to the position of **Director of the Milwaukee County Department of Transportation (MCDOT)**. The appointment length is four years, at which point it will again be subject to your confirmation.

Mr. Lamers brings nearly 20 years of experience in local government administration, including nearly eight years of service to Milwaukee County. Since 2018, he has served as Director of the Office of Strategy, Budget and Performance, where he has overseen countywide strategic planning, development of the County's \$1.4 billion annual budget, and initiatives focused on fiscal sustainability, operational efficiency, and performance improvement.

During his tenure, Mr. Lamers played a key role in strengthening the County's long-term financial position, including increasing reserve funds, supporting public transit investments, and helping to secure significant new state and federal revenues. He led fiscal analysis and supported negotiations related to State of Wisconsin Act 12. These are efforts that helped to substantially increase funding for the Milwaukee County Transit System. During his tenure with SBP Lamers helped to manage a newly created Centralized Grant Development unit, which helped secure competitive grant funding for transportation safety, infrastructure, and other transportation related improvements. Mr. Lamers has also collaborated closely with MCDOT leadership and staff on operational improvements, fleet management efficiencies, and long-term transportation planning.

Mr. Lamers holds a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee. Prior to joining Milwaukee County, he served in senior leadership roles with the New York City Department of Social Services and in various policy and management analyst positions within New York City government.

I have every confidence that Mr. Lamers will provide the leadership necessary to guide the Milwaukee County Department of Transportation forward and to ensure the continued delivery of safe, reliable, and fiscally sustainable transportation services. I respectfully urge you to give this appointment your favorable consideration.



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A copy of the resume of Mr. Lamers is attached for your review. I respectfully urge you to give this appointment your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

David Crowley  
Milwaukee County Executive