

MILWAUKEE COUNTY FISCAL NOTE FORM

DATE: August 29, 2022

Original Fiscal Note

Substitute Fiscal Note

SUBJECT: A resolution encouraging Election Day turnout in Milwaukee County through the provision of no-cost bus service and paratransit trips to polling places on November 8, 2022; and allocating \$63,000 from Org. Unit 1940-1945 Appropriation for Contingencies to Org. Unit 5600-5683 Milwaukee County Transit System to cover costs related to providing no-cost service to transit and paratransit passengers

FISCAL EFFECT:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> No Direct County Fiscal Impact <input type="checkbox"/> Existing Staff Time Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Expenditures (If checked, check one of two boxes below) <input type="checkbox"/> Absorbed Within Agency's Budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Absorbed Within Agency's Budget <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Expenditures <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Revenues <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 | \$63,000 | \$0 |
| | Revenue | \$0 | \$0 |
| | Net Cost | \$63,000 | \$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 would provide free transit and paratransit service on Election Day, November 8, 2022, to encourage Election Day turnout and mitigate transportation costs which, for some individuals, may be a barrier to voting.
 - B. This resolution provides a one-time outlay of \$63,000 from the Appropriation for Contingencies Fund to the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS), to provide free transit and paratransit service to passengers on November 8, 2022.

Based on fiscal data provided by MCTS, the estimated cost on Election Day to provide free bus service and paratransit rides to a polling location is approximately \$63,000. This includes estimated loss of revenue from farebox, stored-value cards, GO-Pass, one-day passes, and those who may wait to purchase monthly and weekly passes. This analysis assumes the County will only cover paratransit riders' trips to the polls and back and therefore the loss of revenues on November 8, 2022, is assumed to be related to normal ridership. The loss of revenues was not anticipated in the 2022 Adopted Budget and therefore a supplemental appropriation of \$63,000 from the Appropriation for Contingencies is included in this resolution.

- C. The budgetary impact for 2022 increases the expenditures to support the Milwaukee County Transit System by approximately \$63,000 and decreases the expenditures in the Appropriations for Contingencies by the same amount. This resolution does not authorize or obligate further allocations beyond the funds authorized in this resolution. The current

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.

balance of the Unallocated Contingencies Account is \$4,078,985 as of August 29, 2022, based on actions approved through August 2022. The Office of the Comptroller is currently projecting a break-even, \$0 surplus, for 2022 which factors in the current balance of the Appropriation for Contingencies. Use of funds from the Appropriation for Contingencies either decreases the County's overall surplus at year's end or increases its deficit.

D. No assumptions were used.

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Did DAS-Fiscal Staff Review? Yes No

Did CBDP Review?² Yes No Not Required