

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE

Inter-office Communication

DATE: 11/23/2022

TO: Marcelia Nicholson, Chair, County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Donna Brown-Martin, Director, Department of Transportation

SUBJECT: From the Director, Department of Transportation addressing follow up questions on MCTS security and safety initiatives.

FILE TYPE: Informational Report

REQUEST

The Director, Department of Transportation and MCTS staff will provide verbal responses to security and safety questions requested by the Chairperson, Milwaukee County Committee on Transportation and Transit.

BACKGROUND

To ensure continued oversight and accountability for transit security and safety initiatives the update will include responses to but not be limited to the following questions:

- How is MCTS moving forward with Bus Operators who do not feel safe at work?
- What success stories have come from the data MCTS has collected?
- How are bus routes or stops that have more frequent safety issues being addressed?
- What is the update with the OSR? What efforts are being made to bridge communication with the OSR?
- What is the level of communication between county/state and municipalities regarding transit safety?
- What is the status on the employee survey?
- How frequently is Allied Universal called, what are the typical incidents and how are the responses to these matters handled?

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Describe how the item aligns to the strategic plan:

- 3A: Invest “upstream” to address root causes of health disparities – Transit is an upstream investment.
- 3C: Dismantle barriers to diverse and inclusive communities – The availability of safe access to transit provides for a healthier community.

RECOMMENDATION

This report is for informational purposes unless otherwise directed.

FISCAL EFFECT

No fiscal impacts, informational only.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

Donna Brown-Martin, Director, Department of Transportation

Denise Wandke, Interim Managing Director, MCTS

Dan Basile, Chief Operations Officer, MCTS

Brian Kading, Director of Safety, Security and Training, MCTS

PREPARED BY:

Donna Brown-Martin, Director, Department of Transportation

APPROVED BY:

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Donna Brown-Martin
Director, Department of Transportation

ATTACHMENTS:

None

cc: Kelly Bablitch, Chief of Staff, County Board of Supervisors
Janelle M. Jensen, Legislative Services Division Manager, Office of the County Clerk