

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE

Inter-office Communication

DATE: 12/30/2022

TO: Marcelia Nicholson, Chair, County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Donna Brown-Martin, Director, Department of Transportation
Denise Wandke, Interim Managing Director, Milwaukee County Transit System

SUBJECT: From the Director of the Department of Transportation and Interim Managing Director of the Milwaukee County Transit System, an informational update on the status of the East-West Bus Rapid Transit Project

FILE TYPE: Informational Report

REQUEST

This report is for informational only.

BACKGROUND

Milwaukee County and the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) initiated a study in 2016 that eventually led to development of a design for the East-West Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) officially committed to funding \$40.9 million of the \$55 million project in December 2020.

The project has since completed two years of construction and procurement (2021-2022) and is now looking ahead to 2023's final activities: delivery, installation, training, and testing. Anticipated service launch is June 4, 2023.

To keep the County Board informed about this progress, MCTS Project Manager, Brittany Bertsch, and MCTS Transportation Manager, David Locher will provide an update using the attached presentation.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Describe how the item aligns to the strategic plan:

- 2C: Apply a racial equity lens to all decisions.
- 3A: invest "upstream" to address root causes of health disparities.
- 3B: Enhance the County's fiscal health and sustainability.
- 3C: Dismantle barriers to diverse and inclusive communities.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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ATTACHMENTS:

Power Point Presentation

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