**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE: March 16, 2015

TO: Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman, County Board

FROM: Brian Dranzik, Director, Department of Transportation

SUBJECT: Milwaukee County’s 2015 Section 85.205 Mass Transit Paratransit Assistance Contract with WisDOT

# POLICY

Per Wisconsin Statute 59.52(31) approval of the County Board is required to enter into a contract that exceeds $300,000.

# BACKGROUND

Section 85.205, Wisconsin Statutes (2013-2015), creates an urban mass transit assistance program for the purpose of maintaining and maximizing paratransit service as defined by the federal Americans with Disabilities Act. Section 20.395(1)(hq) of the statute appropriates funds for the Section 85.205 mass transit paratransit assistance program, which in calendar year 2015 totals $1,412,303 for Milwaukee County.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has determined that Milwaukee County meets the eligibility requirements of the Section 85.205 mass transit paratransit program, and accordingly, $1,412,303 is available for MCTS paratransit operations in 2015 upon execution of a contract.

Upon approval, the Milwaukee County Department of Transportation will forward the contract to WisDOT for signature and execution.

**FISCAL NOTE**

There is no 2015 budgetary impact as the expenditures and revenue for the Section 85.205 urban mass transit paratransit assistance program were included in the operating budget for Transit/Paratransit. Authorization to execute the contract will simply allow Milwaukee County to realize the $1,412,303 in budgeted mass transit paratransit operating revenue as an offset to expenditures in support of the Transit Plus Program.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Director of the Milwaukee County Department of Transportation recommends entering into a contract with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the 2015 Section 85.205 Urban Mass Transit Paratransit Assistance program.

Prepared by: Steve Nigh, Sr. Mgr. Grants Development, MCDOT

James H. Martin, Director of Administration, MCDOT

Approved by:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Brian Dranzik, Director

Department of Transportation

cc: Chris Abele, Milwaukee County Executive

Kelly Bablitch, Chief of Staff, County Board of Supervisors

 Raisa Koltun, Chief of Staff, Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele

Josh Fudge, Budget Director, DAS-PSB

Anthony Geiger, Fiscal and Budget Analyst, DAS-PSB