MILWAUKEE COUNTY 2015



2017 BUDGET PRIORITIES

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC WORKS

• Transportation Fund Revenues

• Support adoption of sustainable revenue streams to improve the solvency of the Transportation Fund.

Transit Operating Assistance Program

- Support increases in state aid to the Transit Operating Assistance Program to restore cuts and purchasing power losses attributable to inflation.
 - In FY2015, it is estimated that the Mass Transit Operation Aids appropriation will receive \$10.8 million (9.1%) less than in 2010.
- Support funding Mass Transit Operation Aids from the state's general fund, provided:
 - Legislative authorization for an additional local option, dedicated funding source to more sustainably support, maintain and expand the operations of the Milwaukee County Transit System consistent with the language of the November 2008 county-wide referendum;
 - The transfer of Mass Transit Operation Aids from the state Transportation Fund to the state general fund is sunset;
 - Base level funding for Mass Transit Operating Aids is held harmless and treated as "segregated" within the general fund; and, increased aids consistent with federal law requirements are provided;
 - Creation and funding of a Transit Capital Assistance Program;
 - Approval of a continuing appropriation to support Mass Transit Operating Aids; and
 - Continued management of the Mass Transit Operating Assistance program by the state Department of Transportation.
- Support inflationary and base level funding increases to Elderly and Disabled Transportation Aids.

General Transportation Aids

- Support an increase to General Transportation Aids to support critical maintenance activities
 related to the existing local infrastructure system as a means to complement local improvement
 programs.
 - In 2015, it is estimated that funding for county General Transportation Aids will be \$98.4 million. In 2011, funding for the program was \$104.4 million.
- Support accountability measures and level of effort-based allocation for increases in funding to General Transportation Aids that reflect performance-based measures by jurisdiction, including actual number of road miles, road types, average costs to maintain, needs analysis, and other factors that support transparency in the expenditure of General Transportation Aids.

· Southeast Wisconsin Freeway Megaprojects

- Support adequate funding for the Megaprojects appropriation including additional bonding authorization - to avoid additional costs assure on-time completion of currently enumerated projects (Zoo Interchange and I-94 North-South corridor).
- Support enumeration of and funding sufficient to support engineering and / or EIS costs for the
 following projects: (a) the I-94 East-West project from 16th Street to 70th Street in Milwaukee
 County; (b) the I-894 Bypass and Hale Interchange project; and (c) the I-94 Waukesha County
 project (from Willow Glen Road in Jefferson County to STH 100 in Milwaukee County).
- Support collaboration between the state Department of Transportation and community stakeholders regarding the selection and approval of the design for the I-94 East-West project in Milwaukee County;
 - Support design alternatives that take into account community desires and worker safety considerations with respect to ongoing maintenance requirements of the roadway.
- Support transition of the Megaprojects appropriation from a projects-based appropriation to a program-based appropriation.
- Support enumeration of projects that reflect corridor-based analyses and designs that consider community-specific, multi-modal transportation and economic development needs.

· Major Highways Development Program

• Support full funding of the Major Highways Development Program to assure on-time completion of currently scheduled projects and to support completion of other projects already identified as necessary to reduce congestion, enhance safety and support economic growth.

· State Highway Maintenance Funding

- Support base 2014-15 base level funding of \$170 million for Routine Maintenance Agreements on the State Trunk Highway System.
- Support full-funding of the Level of Service model to allocate routine maintenance funds.

Expressway Patrols

 Support full funding of expressway patrols by the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department as mandated by the state.

High-Cost State Bridge Reconstruction

• Support the state Department of Transportation's request to fully fund the remaining portion of the Hoan Bridge construction project.

Support Restructuring of and Increased Funding for Local Transportation Improvement Programs

- Support creation of the Local Transportation Facility Program (LTFIP) to replace the Surface Transportation Program (STP) and the Local Roads Improvement Program (LRIP).
- Support increased funding and flexibility for the LTFIP consistent with need, economic development goals, road and improvement type and other factors consistent with programmatic goals.

• Trans 75

- Support modifications to Trans 75 to allow flexibility and consideration for local needs, concerns, budget constraints and desires to provide reasonable accommodations for other modes of transportation.
- Oppose the elimination of the Community Sensitive Design program.

HEALTH & HUMAN NEEDS

· Family Care

- Support full-funding of capitation payments that adequately reimburse Managed Care Organizations (MCO) for services provided to participants and fully account for population needs.
 - The Milwaukee County Department of Family Care provides long-term care services to more than 8,000 individuals in the counties of Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha, Ozaukee, Sheboygan, Walworth, Washington and Waukesha.
 - An independent analysis found that the average monthly costs associated with providing long-term care through the Milwaukee County Family Care program were \$55 lower per person than for individuals who received similar care through traditional long-term care programs.
 - More than 95% of individuals receiving services through the Milwaukee County Department of Family Care program were satisfied with the services they received.
- Oppose modifications to the Family Care program and to ADRCs that would negatively affect care for individual users as well as community-based care providers.
- Oppose modifications to the county's emergency detention policies that would negatively impact individual outcomes and provide inadequate funding.
- Support increased funding for programs that reduce and prevent domestic abuse and child sex-trafficking.

Milwaukee County Disability Resource Center and Aging Resource Center Funding

- Support continued funding of county Aging and Disability Resource Centers at current levels.
 - Milwaukee County's resource centers serve more than 3,600 individuals and provide numerous services, including counseling for seniors, individuals with disabilities and their families, functional eligibility determinations, Medicaid application assistance and enrollment into one of several local publicly funded long-term care programs.

• Public Hospital Insurance Payments

• Establish a one-year sunset on the timeframe during which insurance companies and third party payers seeking recoupment of previously paid claims may notify the service provider of such intent.