**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**

**INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION**

**DATE:** February 24, 2016

**TO:** Michael Mayo, Sr., Chairperson, Transportation, Public Works & Transit Committee

**FROM:** Brian Dranzik, Director, Department of Transportation

**SUBJECT:** UPDATE ON THE TRANSIT SECURITY TASK FORCE

POLICY

This report is for informational purposes only.

BACKGROUND

File 15-187 created a Transit Security Task Force and requires an informational report to the Board following each meeting. The task force is intended to help develop strategies that will increase awareness and compliance with laws and ordinances designed to combat fraud and misconduct at bus stops, on buses or in connection with fare media produced by the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS).

The third meeting of the task force took place on February 24, 2016 at 9:00 AM. In attendance were representatives from the Milwaukee County Department of Transportation, MCTS, Amalgamated Transit Union Local 998, Allied-Barton Security, and Milwaukee County District Attorney’s Office. Conflicts prevented representatives from the following to attend: Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, Milwaukee Police Department (MPD), and Milwaukee County Sheriff’s Office.

The agenda for the meeting included a review of the goals of the task force and discussion about MCTS’s monthly security committee meetings. Some of the key discussions at this task force meeting included:

* A review of “business cards” for distribution to law enforcement officers that reference the range of ordinances applicable to misconduct on MCTS buses and in shelters.
* A review of MPD bus check information as reported to the City’s Public Safety Committee in February: average of 58 bus checks per day in 2015 were conducted by MPD. It was also agreed that MCTS bus operators should report MPD bus checks to the MCTS dispatch office to provide for an additional source of records/information.
* The need for continued focus on bus shelters in Downtown Milwaukee where non-bus users have at times congregated and become a public nuisance.
* Ways to improve communication between task force members, especially as it relates to no contact orders for individuals on parole that have been charged with a crime on a bus.

It is anticipated that the next meeting of the task force will be scheduled in June 2016.

RECOMMENDATION

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