

County of Milwaukee
Interoffice Communication

DATE: 4/10/2018
TO: TBD, Chairman, County Board of Supervisors
TBD, Chairman, Transportation, Public Works & Transit Committee
FROM: Julie Esch, Interim Director, Department of Transportation
SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing Milwaukee County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) to enter Contract No. 05 with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) for transit services as part of the Zoo Interchange Project from July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018

POLICY

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

BACKGROUND

In 2012, the American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin and Midwest Environmental Advocates filed a lawsuit against federal transportation agencies and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) on behalf of Milwaukee Inner City Congregations Allied for Hope and the Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin for inadequately addressing needs of persons who rely on transit within the scope of the \$1.7 billion Zoo Interchange Project.

In 2014, a settlement between WisDOT and the plaintiffs specified that \$2.875 million annually would be available for eligible transit services; meanwhile an additional \$500,000 would be made available for marketing. Two bus routes are currently operated with these funds:

- Route 6 (New Berlin Industrial Park Express) is used by about 145 passengers per day, and operates at a productivity of 5.1 passengers per bus hour.
- Route 61 (Appleton – Keefe) is used by about 825 passengers per day, and operates at a productivity of 10.9 passengers per bus hour.

For comparison purposes, the average productivity for MCTS routes is about 25 passengers per bus hour.

Contract No. 05 provides for remaining funds under the settlement of about \$1,300,000 to be used for transit services and about \$350,000 to be spent on marketing of these services. Recall that the adopted 2018 transit budget approved of the elimination of these services when the available funding is exhausted, which has been estimated to occur sometime in December 2018.

FISCAL EFFECT

Costs of transit services will not exceed contract revenues available from WisDOT.

RECOMMENDATION

MCTS recommends approval of the attached resolution authorizing MCDOT to enter into Contract No. 05 with WisDOT for \$1,650,000 to be expended on transit services associated with Zoo Interchange Project mitigation, and publicity of such services from July 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

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