

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE: May 11, 2018

TO: Supervisor Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chair, County Board of Supervisors
Supervisor John Weishan, Jr., Chair, Transportation, Public Works &
Transit Committee
Supervisor James Schmitt, Chair, Finance and Audit Committee

FROM: Julie Esch, Interim Director, Department of Transportation

SUBJECT: Milwaukee County's 2018 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, 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 2018 totals \$1,405,782 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, \$1,405,782 is available for MCTS paratransit operations in 2018 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 2018 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 \$1,405,782 in budgeted mass transit paratransit operating revenue as an offset to expenditures in support of the Transit Plus Program.

RECOMMENDATION

The Interim Director of the Milwaukee County Department of Transportation recommends entering into a contract with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the 2018 Section 85.205 Urban Mass Transit Paratransit Assistance program.

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