

County of Milwaukee
Interoffice Communication

DATE: February 8, 2019
TO: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors
FROM: Donna Brown-Martin, Director, Department of Transportation
SUBJECT: Milwaukee County's 2019 Section 85.21 Specialized Transportation 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 85.21, Wisconsin Statutes, authorizes the State to provide financial assistance to counties for specialized transportation. Specialized transportation is defined as a system that provides general or special transportation service to elderly or disabled persons on a regular and continuing basis in a designated service area. The Section 85.21 program grants transportation funds to each county based upon the number of elderly and disabled persons residing in each county compared to the total number of elderly and disabled persons residing in the state.

In calendar year 2019, Milwaukee County will receive \$2,174,698 for use by Transit Plus (\$1,522,288) and the Department on Aging's Specialized Elderly Transportation Services Program (\$652,410).

Upon approval of the County Board, the Milwaukee County Department of Transportation will forward the 2019 Section 85.21 contract to WisDOT for signature and execution.

FISCAL EFFECT

There is no 2019 budgetary impact as the expenditures and revenue for the Section 85.21 Specialized Transportation Program have been authorized in the 2019 Adopted Budget for both Transit/Paratransit and the Department on Aging. Authorization to execute the contract will simply allow Milwaukee County to realize the \$2,174,698 in budgeted operating revenue as an offset to expenditures in support of the Transit Plus Program and the Department on Aging's Specialized Elderly Transportation Services Program.

RECOMMENDATION

The Director of the Milwaukee County Department of Transportation recommends entering into a contract with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the 2019 Section 85.21 Specialized Transportation Assistance Program.

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Approved by:



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