

7-29-21 FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS
 E UNALLOCATED CONTINGENCY

Action Required
 Finance and Audit Committee
 2/3's County Board

WHEREAS, department requests for transfers within their own accounts have been received by the Department of Administrative Services, Performance, Strategy, and Budget (PSB), and the Director finds that the best interests of Milwaukee County will be served by allowance of such transfers;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director, Department of Administrative Services, is hereby authorized to make the following transfers in the 2021 appropriations of the respective listed

| 1) | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> |
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| <u>5300 – DOT Fleet</u> | | |
| 8502 – Major Maint Bldg – (exp) | | \$600,000 |
| <u>1945 – Appropriation for Contingency</u> | | |
| 8901 – Unallocated Contingency | \$600,000 | |

The Director of the Milwaukee County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) requests an appropriation transfer in the amount of \$600,000 from 1945-Appropriation for Contingency (Contingency) to the Department of Transportation-Fleet Management Division in order to increase expenditure authority for replacement of the variable refrigerant flow (VRF) HVAC system at the MCDOT Administration building (building) located at 10320 West Watertown Plank Road in Wauwatosa.

The current system uses VRF to provide supplementary heating and cooling to the building and a flow of fresh air. Since 2016, the Department of Transportation has spent \$222,865 in system maintenance and improvements due to air conditioning failures in the summer and heating failures in the winter. Repairs often take many weeks due to limited parts availability or inadequate diagnostic support. System failures prevent us from safely heating, cooling, and providing fresh air to a facility with 24/7 staffing. Many of these problems remain unresolved with no practical solution.

MCDOT staff is requesting this transfer in order to begin construction on a new system as soon as practicable in order to maintain a safe working space for Milwaukee County staff and the public and limit further spending on repairs. Given the urgency and severity of this problem, the request is being made at this time instead of through the normal capital improvements budget process.

The Contingency funds will be used for construction, as the Fleet Management Division has already provided \$50,000 in major maintenance funds for design of the new system. Contingency funding will allow for award of the contract and construction to begin in the 2021 winter season so that the system will be operable prior to the summer of 2022.

This fund transfer has no tax levy impact.

TRANSFERS SIGNED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE JUNE 25, 2021.