



Milwaukee County

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201B
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Meeting Minutes Transportation, Public Works and Transit Committee

Chairperson: Supervisor John F. Weishan, Jr.
Vice Chairperson: Supervisor Dan Sebring
Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic
Supervisor Patti Logsdon
Supervisor Sylvia Ortiz-Velez
Committee Coordinator: Kelsey A. Evans, 414-278-4013
Research Analyst: Ken Smith, 414-278-4362

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

9:00 AM

Room 201-B

Call To Order

Roll Call at 9:06 a.m.

Present 4 - Sebring, Logsdon, Ortiz-Velez and Weishan Jr.

Excused 1 - Dimitrijevic

Supervisor Dimitrijevic was not present at the time the roll was called, but appeared shortly thereafter.

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION - 1

- 1 [19-434](#) From the Executive Director, Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, providing an informational report regarding the Vision 2050 Plan. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [19-434 VISION 2050 FACT SHEET](#)
 [19-434 VISION 2050 SUMMARY \(72 pages\)](#)
 [19-434 FOXCONN PLAN AMENDMENT](#)
 [19-434 POWERPOINT](#)
 [19-434 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION](#)

APPEARANCE:

Kevin J. Muhs, Executive Director, Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

Mr. James Macon, President, Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 998, appeared and spoke in favor of this item.

A motion was made by Supervisor Ortiz-Velez that this Informational Report be RECOMMENDED TO BE RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE. The motion

PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Sebring, Dimitrijevic, Logsdon, Ortiz-Velez and Weishan Jr.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - 5

2 [19-440](#)

From the Director, Department of Transportation, providing an informational Notice of Public Hearing regarding Milwaukee County's proposed 2019 Program of Federally-Assisted Transit Projects.

(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)

Attachments: [19-440 OPENING STATEMENT](#)
[19-440 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING & PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS](#)

APPEARANCE:

Kelsey A. Evans, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk

This Public Hearing was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

3 [19-437](#)

From the Director, Department of Transportation, requesting retroactive authorization to execute a Grant Agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the 2019 Section 85.20 Urban Mass Transit Operating Assistance Program, allowing Milwaukee County to realize \$64,193,900 in budgeted mass transit operating revenue as an offset to expenditures in support of Milwaukee County Transit System fixed-route and paratransit operations for the period effective January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019. **(Referred to the Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit, for INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY per Section 59.52(31)(d), Wisconsin State Statutes; Referred to the Committee on Finance and Audit)**

Attachments: [19-437 REPORT](#)
[19-437 RESOLUTION](#)
[19-437 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[19-437 1684 FORM & GRANT AGREEMENT](#)

APPEARANCE:

Donna Brown-Martin, Director, Department of Transportation

Mr. James Macon, President, Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 998, appeared and spoke in favor of this item.

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

- 4 [19-438](#) From the Director, Department of Transportation, requesting retroactive authorization to execute a Grant Agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the 2019 Section 85.205 Urban Mass Transit Assistance/Paratransit Supplemental Aid Program, allowing Milwaukee County to realize \$1,398,579 in budgeted mass transit paratransit operating revenue as an offset to expenditures in support of the Transit Plus Program for the period effective January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019. **(Referred to the Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit for INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY per Section 59.52(31)(d), Wisconsin State Statutes; Referred to the Committee on Finance and Audit)**

Attachments: [19-438 REPORT](#)
 [19-438 RESOLUTION](#)
 [19-438 FISCAL NOTE](#)
 [19-438 1684 FORM & GRANT AGREEMENT](#)

APPEARANCE:
Donna Brown-Martin, Director, Department of Transportation

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

- 5 [19-441](#) From the Director, Department of Transportation, providing an informational report regarding the transition of Milwaukee County Transit System's vehicle fleet to battery electric buses. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [19-441 REPORT](#)
 [19-441 POWERPOINT](#)

APPEARANCE:
Donna Brown-Martin, Director, Department of Transportation

Dana Lowell, Senior Vice-President, Technical Director, M.J. Bradley and Associates, appeared and spoke for information only regarding this item.

Mr. Daniel Teter, Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 998, appeared and spoke against this item.

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

- 6 [19-439](#) From the Director, Department of Transportation, requesting authorization to file a grant application with the Federal Transit Administration for Federal Fiscal Year 2019 Section 5339(c) Low or No Emission Grant Program funding, in the amount of \$1.7 million, to aid in the financing of four battery electric buses for the Milwaukee County Transit System. **(Referred to the Committees on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit, and Finance and Audit)**

Attachments: [19-439 REPORT](#)
 [19-439 RESOLUTION](#)
 [19-439 FISCAL NOTE](#)

APPEARANCES:

Donna Brown-Martin, Director, Department of Transportation
Kelsey A. Evans, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk

A motion was made by Supervisor Dimitrijevic that this Action Report be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Dimitrijevic, Ortiz-Velez and Weishan Jr.

No: 2 - Sebring and Logsdon

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION/MILWAUKEE COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM - 4

- 7 [19-442](#) From the Director, Department of Transportation, and the President and Managing Director, Milwaukee County Transit System, providing an informational report regarding a review of the 2019 adopted transit budget, and preparation of the 2020 requested transit budget.
(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)

Attachments: [19-442 REPORT](#)
 [19-442 POWERPOINT](#)
 [19-442 ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL DISTRICT \(05/08/19\)](#)

APPEARANCES:

Kelsey A. Evans, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk
Dan Boehm, President and Managing Director, Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS)

The following people appeared and spoke for information only regarding this item:

Joyce Elwanger, Milwaukee Inner-city Congregations Allied for Hope
Gerry Papa, Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), Local 998
Carol Caffrey

The following people appeared and spoke against this item:

Jim Carpenter
Blake A. Peuse, Superintendent of Schools, St. Francis School District
James Macon, President, ATU, Local 998
Bruce Colburn

The following people appeared, but did not speak regarding this item:

Nate Holton, Director of Diversity and Inclusion, MCTS
Mike Lewandowski, Principal, St. Francis High School
Jonathan Mitchell, Director of Finance and Operations, St. Francis School District

Mr. Peuse distributed materials to Committee members, which are attached to this file as "19-442 St. Francis School District (05/08/19)."

The Committee recessed from 11:01 a.m. to 11:23 a.m. Upon reconvening at 11:23 a.m., a roll call was taken and 5 members were present.

Roll Call at 11:23 a.m.

Present 5 - Sebring, Dimitrijevic, Logsdon, Ortiz-Velez and Weishan Jr.

Items 7, 8, and 9 were considered together.

- 7 [19-442](#) From the Director, Department of Transportation, and the President and Managing Director, Milwaukee County Transit System, providing an informational report regarding a review of the 2019 adopted transit budget, and preparation of the 2020 requested transit budget.
(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)

Attachments: [19-442 REPORT](#)
 [19-442 POWERPOINT](#)
 [19-442 ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL DISTRICT \(05/08/19\)](#)

Items 7, 8, and 9 were considered together.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dimitrijevic that this Informational Reports associated with Items 7 through 9 be REFERRED to the Office on African American Affairs, with a written report due back to the Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit for consideration in the July meeting cycle, analyzing the report from a racial equity lens standpoint and Title VI requirements. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Dimitrijevic, Logsdon, Ortiz-Velez and Weishan Jr.

No: 1 - Sebring

- 8 [19-458](#) **2019 Adopted Budget Amendment 1A019:** From the Director, Department of Transportation, and the President and Managing Director, Milwaukee County Transit System, providing an informational report regarding efforts to secure a non-tax levy source of funds to continue inter-county transit service into Waukesha County, and preparations to sunset the extension of Route 57 transit service after August 2019.
(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)

Attachments: [19-458 REPORT](#)

APPEARANCE:

Dan Boehm, President and Managing Director, Milwaukee County Transit System

Paul Mozina appeared and spoke in favor of this item.

David Herrewig registered in favor of this item but did not speak.

Items 7, 8, and 9 were considered together.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dimitrijevic that this Informational Reports associated with Items 7 through 9 be REFERRED to the Office on African American Affairs, with a written report due back to the Committee on

Transportation, Public Works, and Transit for consideration in the July meeting cycle, analyzing the report from a racial equity lens standpoint and Title VI requirements. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Dimitrijevic, Logsdon, Ortiz-Velez and Weishan Jr.

No: 1 - Sebring

9 [19-27](#)

From the Director, Department of Transportation, and the President and Managing Director, Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS), providing an informational status update regarding the MCTS NEXT redesign process. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [19-27 MAY POWERPOINT](#)

APPEARANCES:

Tom Winter, Director of Schedule and Planning, Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS)

Jeff Sponcia, Manager, Planning Department, MCTS

Brother Ricebey, AMANI United, appeared and spoke for information only regarding this item.

The following people appeared and spoke against this item:

Richard Diaz, Dominican Center/AMANI United

Michael Brown, Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 998

Amos T. Craig

The following people appeared and spoke in favor of this item:

Samantha Kearney, Chairwoman, Transportation Services Advisory Committee

Kevin J. Muhs, Executive Director, Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

Items 7, 8, and 9 were considered together.

A motion was made by Supervisor Dimitrijevic that this Informational Reports associated with Items 7 through 9 be REFERRED to the Office on African American Affairs, with a written report due back to the Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit for consideration in the July meeting cycle, analyzing the report from a racial equity lens standpoint and Title VI requirements. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Dimitrijevic, Logsdon, Ortiz-Velez and Weishan Jr.

No: 1 - Sebring

- 10 [19-8](#) From the Director, Department of Transportation, and the President and Managing Director, Milwaukee County Transit System, providing an informational status update regarding contract negotiations between Milwaukee Transport Services and the Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 998. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [19-8 MAY REPORT](#)
 [19-8 AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION \(05/08/19\)](#)

APPEARANCES:

Dan Boehm, President and Managing Director, Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS)

Nate Holton, Director of Diversity and Inclusion, MCTS

Richard Diaz registered as speaking against this item, but did not appear before the Committee.

Amos T. Craig registered as speaking for information only regarding this item, but did not appear before the Committee.

Richard Olson registered in favor of this item, but did not speak.

The following people appeared and spoke for information only regarding this item:

Tom Stawicki, Legislative Director, Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), Local 998

James Macon, President, ATU, Local 998

Mr. Macon distributed materials to Committee members, which are attached to this file as "19-8 Amalgamated Transit Union (05/08/19)."

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

Length of Meeting: 9:06 a.m. to 12:06 p.m.

Adjourned,

Kelsey A. Evans

Committee Coordinator

Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk

Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit

Deadline for the next meeting:

The next regular meeting for the Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit is Wednesday, June 5, 2019. All items must be in the Committee Coordinator's possession on or before WEDNESDAY, May 15, 2019, at 4:00 p.m.