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COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSIT

Wednesday, March 4, 2009 - 9:00 A.M.

Milwaukee County Courthouse - Room 201-B

MINUTES

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

PRESENT: Supervisors Borkowski, Weishan, Jursik, Larson, Sanfelippo and Mayo (Chair)

EXCUSED: Clark

Item #'s 2, 3, 6 and 12 were taken out of order.

Presentation - 1

1. 09-T07 From the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), a verbal report on the Zoo Interchange reconstruction. **(INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

APPEARANCES:

Donna Brown, WisDOT

Brad Heimlich, Forward 45, consultant to WisDOT

Jack Takerian, Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works

Ms. Brown and Mr. Heimlich gave a brief presentation on the status of the project. They explained how this stretch of freeway is the heaviest traveled and has at least two crashes daily. The design will eliminate left lane on/off ramps. The M1 plan includes a bridge to and from the Medical Complex to the Research Park, whereas the M3 design uses Texas u-turns opposed to the bridge. The County areas or building that could be affected include Building Unit F at Behavioral Health, the Zoofari Conference Center, Zoo maintenance facility and the relocation of utilities at the Zoo. The Fleet Maintenance and Highway buildings are not affected by the project. There will be homeowners that will be displaced.

At this time the Mitchell Interchange project will move forward. The Zoo Interchange environmental study will be completed by 2011. No cost estimates are available since this is only the environmental study portion of the project. Any final plans must be approved by the State's Joint Financial Committee and is included in the Governor's budget.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

Supervisor Borkowski asked that stakeholder meetings continue in 2009 for input on their needs regarding the expansion of Milwaukee Lutheran, congestion at Children’s Court and the park and ride lot freeway on ramps.

Mr. Takerian assured the Committee that County assets that are taken away during the reconstruction would be replaced prior to completion of the interchange project.

The Committee took no action on this informational item.

Transit - 2

2. 09-89 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works and the Managing Director of the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS), requesting the \$0.25 transfer fee on MTCS Route 10 service at Brookfield Square eliminated, provided that the Waukesha Metro and Waukesha County also eliminate the \$0.25 transfer fee.

APPEARANCE:

Scott Walker, County Executive

The County Executive thanked the Committee for scheduling the item and noted this transfer fee elimination is contingent on Waukesha Metro and County doing the same.

Committee members reached out to the County Executive for a commitment on support of a regional transit authority (RTA) with financial support via the sales tax. The County Executive is in support of an RTA but not through a sales tax increase.

Members agreed this is a good step toward regional cooperation on transit, but this needs to be taken further with counties to the south and north.

MOTION BY: (Borkowski) Approval. (Vote 6-0)

AYES: Borkowski, Weishan, Jursik, Larson, Sanfelippo and Mayo (Chair) – 6

NOES: - 0

EXCUSED: - 0

3. 09-T03 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works and the Managing
(09-124) Director of the Milwaukee County Transit System, a report on a request for proposal (RFP) issued in February for 40-foot low floor buses. **(INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

APPEARANCES:

Lloyd Grant, Deputy Director, Milwaukee Transport Services
Supervisor Theo Lipscomb, District #1

Mr. Grant said the funding for these buses would be from stimulus money. Best estimates at this time are that Milwaukee County could receive 90% of the \$28 million coming into Southeastern Wisconsin, based on allocation formulas used by the Southeastern Regional Planning Commission. The stimulus money must be spent or obligated within 180 days. Any funds that are not committed must be returned. Additionally, by issuing the RFP now Milwaukee County wants to get a head start on the nation to be inline for the buses. It is expected, due to the demand on acquiring new buses, the delivery schedules could change from 12 months to 18-30 months. The RFP is written as a requirement contract without obligation for purchase by Milwaukee County.

Supervisor Lipscomb met with the Recovery and Reinvestment Committee and said he is confident that Milwaukee County will receive significant funds from the stimulus program.

Fare boxes and enunciator systems will be considered if funds permit. The 2009 cost of each bus is approximately \$350,000. This cost does not include radio systems or enunciators.

Supervisor Sanfelippo suggested that MCTS do a study to see if it could possibly rehab some of our buses instead of buying all new ones to stretch the dollars, thereby keeping some of the money and jobs locally.

Discussions ensued on the possible purchase of hybrid buses. Mr. Grant explained to the Committee that MCTS does not have the infrastructure in place for hybrid buses. Supervisor Mayo requested MCTS provide the Committee with a detailed report for the April cycle on the cost to switch from standard to hybrid buses including the needed infrastructure. Additionally, include any possible job creations by going "Green".

The current fare boxes are 26 years old. Fare box technology would move the system forward to eliminate paper transfers, give customer profiles and include the use of magnetic card readers such as debit cards, cash cards and/or a smart cards system.

MOTION BY: (Borkowski) Receive and place on file. **(Vote 6-0)**

AYES: Borkowski, Weishan, Jursik, Larson, Sanfelippo and Mayo (Chair) – 6

NOES: - 0

EXCUSED: - 0

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

Airport - 7

4. 07-283 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works, requesting
(a)(d) authorization to enter into a lease agreement with SSP America Inc. for approximately 820 square feet of basement storage space on a month-to-month basis at General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA) commencing January 1, 2009 to be com-terminus with the food and beverage concession agreement that ends October 31, 2019.

MOTION BY: (Borkowski) Approve Item #'s 4 and 5 together. **(Vote 6-0)**

AYES: Borkowski, Weishan, Jursik, Larson, Sanfelippo and Mayo (Chair) – 6

NOES: - 0

EXCUSED: - 0

5. 07-283 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works, requesting
(a)(e) authorization to apply to the Secretary of Revenue, State of Wisconsin for the issuance of retail Class B Intoxicating Liquor Permit for use at General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA) with all fees to be paid by SSP America Inc.

See Item #4 for the Committee Actions.

6. 09-90 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works requesting authority
to issue an event permit to the Lao-Hmong American Coalition to host an event at Lawrence J. Timmerman Airport July 18-19, 2009.

MOTION BY: (Borkowski) Approval. **(Vote 6-0)**

AYES: Borkowski, Weishan, Jursik, Larson, Sanfelippo and Mayo (Chair) – 6

NOES: - 0

EXCUSED: - 0

7. 06-445 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works, requesting
(a)(a) authorization to amend Airport Agreement No. OL-1544 with Tug Services Centers Network to relinquish space rental of General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA) Air Cargo Building No. 3-02 #3 and take assignment of approximately 5,919 square feet of space in No. 3-02 #4.

MOTION BY: (Borkowski) Approve Item #'s 7 & 8 together. **(Vote 6-0)**

AYES: Borkowski, Weishan, Jursik, Larson, Sanfelippo and Mayo (Chair) – 6

NOES: - 0

EXCUSED: - 0

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

8. 09-95 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works, requesting authorization to assign all Delta Air Lines Inc. and Comair, Inc. leasehold space to Air Tran Airways, Inc. at General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA).

See Item #7 for the Committee Action.

9. 07-448 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works, a fifth report on the
(a)(d) reuse plan and acquisition of the 440th Air Force Reserve Wing lands.
(INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)

APPEARANCE:

Barry Bateman, Director, General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA)

This update is in reference to the HUD application and is further explained on page 11 of the report.

The Committee took no action on this informational item.

10. 09-T04 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works, a report on the
(09-127) donation of an aircraft from Federal Express to use for training purposes.
(INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)

APPEARANCE:

Barry Bateman, Director, General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA)

This aircraft will be used for training by the Airport and Sheriff staff. Mr. Bateman invited the Committee to view or fly in the airplane before it is made inoperable.

MOTION BY: (Borkowski) Receive and place on file. **(Vote 6-0)**

AYES: Borkowski, Weishan, Jursik, Larson, Sanfelippo and Mayo (Chair) – 6

NOES: - 0

EXCUSED: - 0

Public Works– 2

11. 09-91 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works, requesting authorization to enter into two-year contracts with the current towing vendors in the Milwaukee County Freeway Towing Program.

APPEARANCE:

Faye Roberts, Department of Transportation and Public Works

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

Ms. Roberts explained the contracts with the three vendors have expired. These vendors are very keen to the requirements of Milwaukee County. The County only provides on-road assistance and \$200,000 in revenue is generated annually from this service.

The State of Wisconsin has recently issued its own request for proposals (RFP) for freeway safety patrol. They will pick up abandon vehicles and tow them to off-road crash sites and park & ride lots. Discussions with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) on responsibility for the removal of the vehicles and snow from these areas are continuing.

The Department is requesting this two-year contract without the bid option due to the investment the vendors must make in a variety of towing vehicles and the uncertainty of the program.

MOTION BY: (Borkowski) Approval. (Vote 6-0)

AYES: Borkowski, Weishan, Jursik, Larson, Sanfelippo and Mayo (Chair) – 6

NOES: - 0

EXCUSED: - 0

12. 09-T05 (09-128) From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works, a report regarding the submission of local roadway and bridge projects to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, that may be eligible for the first round of stimulus projects. **(INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

APPEARANCES:

Supervisor Theo Lipscomb, District 1

Jack Takerian, Interim Director, Facilities Management

Greg High, Director, Architectural, Engineering and Environmental Services

Mr. Takerian explained to the Committee that the County Board Chairman for consideration of stimulus money, submitted most of the projects listed in the report.

Mr. High noted that none of these projects met the requirements for the first round of stimulus funds. Any project that is ongoing or not shovel ready within 75 days doesn't qualify for the first round of stimulus funding. To qualify for the second round a project needs to be ready to proceed within a year. The last three projects qualify for that and will be submitted for consideration in round two of the stimulus program.

Supervisor Lipscomb informed the Committee of the State of Wisconsin's intention to bid all the projects statewide thereby ensuring they are in compliance and uniform. It will be the decision of each local government to select the

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

projects. Only projects that are new or improvements/enhancements and meet the definition of shovel ready qualify for 100% stimulus funding. Any lack of cooperation within a government entity could cost it access to the stimulus funds. He stressed the importance for full cooperation with the task force by all County departments to ensure Milwaukee County gets the needed stimulus money.

Mr. Takerian said Transportation and Public Works would work with all areas of government to get the money for Milwaukee County. He also stated not all money goes through the State. If there is money available the Department will apply for it. Additionally, the County Executive does not approve of projects which require a percentage match or have long ongoing costs.

MOTION BY: (Borkowski) Receive and place on file. **(Vote 5-1)**

AYES: Borkowski, Weishan, Larson, Sanfelippo and Mayo (Chair) – 5

NOES: Jursik - 1

EXCUSED: - 0

Fund Transfers

13. 09-1 A summary of fund transfers for being presented to the Finance and Audit Committee. **(INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Committee was informed that the last item on this summary report was removed for consideration by Finance and Audit Committee and therefore would not be considered today.

The Committee took no action on this informational item.

Confirmation – 1

14. 09-94 From the County Executive, appointing Mr. Brian Dranzik to the Regional Transit Authority.

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Committee Chairman withdrew the item.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

This meeting was recorded. Committee files contain copies of the subject reports, communications, resolutions, and ordinances, which may be reviewed upon request to the Chief Committee Clerk. The official copy of these minutes, along with the audio recording of this meeting, are available in the County Board Committee Services Division.

Length of meeting approximately: 9:05 a.m. until 10:47 a.m.

Carol Mueller

Committee Clerk

Staff Present:

Mr. Jack Takerian, Interim Director, Facilities Management

Mr. Lloyd Grant, Deputy Director, Milwaukee Transport Services

Mr. Barry Bateman, Director, General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA)

Ms. Faye Roberts, Department of Transportation and Public Works

Mr. Greg High, Director, Architectural, Engineering and Environmental Services

Ms. Julie Esch, County Board Research Analyst

Mr. Martin Weddle, Research Analyst

THE APRIL TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Will be held at General Mitchell International Airport

In the Sijan/Lovell Rooms on Wednesday April 8, 2009 at 9 a.m.

DEADLINE FOR TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSIT COMMITTEE

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