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## COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSIT

Wednesday, April 8, 2009 - 9:00 A.M.

General Mitchell International Airport

**In the Sijan/Lovell Rooms**

### REVISED MINUTES

#### **SCHEDULED ITEMS:**

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

#### **Confirmation – 1**

1. 09-94 From the County Executive, appointing Mr. Brian Dranzik to the Regional Transit Authority (RTA).

#### **APPEARANCES:**

Brian Dranzik, Budget and Policy Administrator DPW

Sherri Hill, County Executive's Director of Community Relations

Anita Gulotta-Connelly, Managing Director, Milwaukee Transport Services

Ms. Hill introduced Mr. Dranzik to the Committee. Members of the Committee addressed their concerns regarding the length of the appointment in light of the Governors proposal for a new RTA and assurance that the policy of the County Board would be followed.

Ms. Connelly informed the Committee of the Legislative Council Committee's recommendation that any RTA should be allowed statewide allowing for individual governments, multiple members or others members joining after the original authority is established.

**MOTION BY:** (Clark) Approval. (Vote 6-1)

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

**NOES:** Larson - 1

**EXCUSED:** - 0

**SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):**

**Presentation – 1**

2. 09-T10 A presentation from the UW Milwaukee Center for Economic Development (CED), of the impact of transit cuts on access to jobs in metropolitan Milwaukee. **(INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

**APPEARANCE:**

Catherine Madison, UWM-Center for Economic Development

Ms. Madison gave a power point presentation (copy attached to the original minutes) on their study from 2001 updated with 2007 data on transit cuts and job locations in the metro Milwaukee area.

Committee members thanked Ms. Madison for the report and suggested that future updates should try to show how many jobs were lost with the reduction in transit routes, how many new employers request transit routes at remote locations or create opportunities for transit use and how much the economy has affected transit ridership.

**The Committee took no action on this informational item.**

**Transit - 5**

3. 09-T08 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works and the Managing Director of the Milwaukee County Transit System, a report on Transit Television Network (TTN) Bankruptcy. **(INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

**APPEARANCE:**

Anita Gulotta-Connelly, Managing Director, Milwaukee Transport Services

Ms. Connelly explained to the Committee that at this time, the rights and equipment is still under TTN. The equipment is seven years old and nearing its useful life.

Supervisor Larson suggested the Department explore possible local educational stations for governmental and community programming broadcasts on the buses.

**The Committee took no action on this informational item.**

**SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):**

4. 09-T09 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works and the Managing Director of the Milwaukee County Transit System, a report on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), FTA Section 5307, Transit Capital Funding. **(INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

**APPEARANCE:**

Anita Gulotta-Connelly, Managing Director, Milwaukee Transport Services

Ms. Connelly said the Department has moved forward to apply for funding under the ARRA. The purchase of buses for 2011 and 2012 are still needed. If the Board decides the Department should not apply for the fare boxes and enunciators and instead get more buses, the grant application would need to be modified.

**The Committee took no action on this informational item.**

5. 08-345 **Adopted Budget Amendment 1A038** directing the Milwaukee County Transit System and the Department of Transportation and Public Works submit a report to the Committee on Transportation, Public Works and Transit on the results of implementation of a monthly \$60 transit pass during the **April 2009** committee cycle. **(INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

**APPEARANCE:**

Anita Gulotta-Connelly, Managing Director, Milwaukee Transport Services

Ms. Connelly relayed that the program has been very positive and will continue until the end of the year. She stated it is hard to explain if the reduction of weekly passes is from the monthly passes and/or a result of the economy. The Department will be looking at an on-line system in coordination with the new fare boxes.

**The Committee took no action on this informational item.**

6. 09-124 A) From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works and the Managing Director of the Milwaukee County Transit System, a report on a request for proposal (RFP) issued in February for 40-foot low floor buses. **(Department report back on Hybrid Electric Buses.) (INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

**APPEARANCE:**

Anita Gulotta-Connelly, Managing Director, Milwaukee Transport Services

**SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):**

It was explained that the cost difference between hybrid buses, which would be an additional \$180,000 to \$200,000, is not justifiable in these economic times. In the long run, fuels savings may not outweigh the cost of repairs and replacement batteries.

**The Committee took no action on this informational item.**

7. 09-124  
(a)(b) B) From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works and the Managing Director of the Milwaukee County Transit System, a report on a request for proposal (RFP) issued in February for 40-foot low floor buses. **(Department report back on Rehabilitation of Transit Buses.) (INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

**APPEARANCE:**

Anita Gulotta-Connelly, Managing Director, Milwaukee Transport Services

Ms. Connelly explained that the decision to rehab buses versus purchasing must be done in the buses mid life cycle. The current vehicles have exceeded that timeframe.

Supervisor Larson requested a report from the Department to the Committee on the possibility of using bio-fuels as it relates to buses.

Ms. Connelly explained they have looked extensively at bio-diesel but due to the Wisconsin climate bio-fuels don't offer any savings.

**The Committee took no action on this informational item.**

**Public Works – 10**

8. 09-152 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works, requesting authorization to prepare and submit a Congestion, Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) application for funds to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for a Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and to execute a subsequent grant contract to support the County highway sign improvement projects.

**See Item #12 for the Committee Actions.**

**SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):**

9. 09-153 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works, requesting authorization to prepare and submit a Congestion, Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) application for funds to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for a Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and to execute a subsequent grant contract to support the all-way stop controlled intersection improvement projects.

**See Item #12 for the Committee Actions.**

10. 09-154 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works, requesting authorization to prepare and submit a Congestion, Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) application for funds and to execute a subsequent grant contract to support the traffic signal optimization project.

**See Item #12 for the Committee Actions.**

11. 09-155 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works, requesting authorization to prepare and submit a Congestion, Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) application for funds and to execute a subsequent grant contract to support the West Silver Spring Drive Bicycle Lane project.

**See Item #12 for the Committee Actions.**

12. 09-156 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works, requesting authorization to prepare and submit a Congestion, Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) application for funds and to execute a subsequent grant contract to support bicycle detection at nine County maintained traffic signals.

**MOTION BY: (Clark)** Approve Items #8 through #12 together. **(Vote 7-0)**

**AYES:** Clark, Borkowski, Weishan, Jursik, Larson, Sanfelippo and Mayo (Chair)-7

**NOES:** - 0

**EXCUSED:** - 0

13. 09-157 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works, requesting authorization to prepare and submit a Congestion, Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) application for funds and to execute a subsequent grant contract for the purchase of six hybrid vehicles.

**MOTION BY: (Clark)** Approval. **(Vote 7-0)**

**AYES:** Clark, Borkowski, Weishan, Jursik, Larson, Sanfelippo and Mayo (Chair)-7

**NOES:** - 0

**EXCUSED:** - 0

**SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):**

14. 09-158 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works, requesting authorization to prepare and submit a Congestion, Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) application for funds and to execute a subsequent grant contract for project development cost of the Fond du Lac and National Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project.

**APPEARANCE:**

Brian Dranzik, Budget and Policy Administrator DPW

Mr. Dranzik explained that the Very Small Starts grant could cover up to 80% of the cost of the BRT. There is no guarantee that Milwaukee County will receive the full 80%. The timing of the CMAQ grant allows Milwaukee County to apply for this as well as consider any American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding. The CMAQ money is a two-year grant, but the process of funding levels is determined by the state. New hybrid vehicles could have some cost associated with them.

The BRT routes would be faster with fewer stops and would replace the current routes at no additional cost to the user.

**MOTION BY: (Clark) Approval. (Vote 7-0)**

**AYES:** Clark, Borkowski, Weishan, Jursik, Larson, Sanfelippo and Mayo (Chair)-7

**NOES:** - 0

**EXCUSED:** - 0

15. ~~09-128~~ A report regarding the submission of local roadway and bridge projects to the  
Corrected file number 09-192 Wisconsin Department of Transportation that may be eligible for stimulus projects. **(INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

**APPEARANCE:**

Jack Takerian, Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works

*Supervisor Clark is Chair for this Item.*

Mr. Takerian explained the Department submitted projects for the next phase of stimulus money. In the event that additional funds are made available, the Department submitted more projects than the available current funds. After a review of the submitted projects by the WisDOT to determine which qualify, the Department will meet with SEWRPC to decide which projects will be funded for Milwaukee County.

**SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):**

**MOTION BY: (Sanfelippo)** Receive and place on file the Department report.  
**(Vote 6-0)**

**AYES:** Borkowski, Weishan, Jursik, Larson, Sanfelippo and Clark (Chair)-6

**NOES:** - 0

**EXCUSED:** - Mayo

16. 07-111  
(a)

A report on an adopted resolution creating an environmental and conservation "Green Print" initiative for Milwaukee County. **(TPW Department status report.) (Also to the Committee on Parks, Energy and Environment.) (INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

**APPEARANCE:**

Stevan Keith, Director of Sustainability

Mr. Keith explained the Honeywell pilot program that encompassed the Courthouse and the Criminal Justice Facility is complete with projected savings of \$220,000. AMERESCO involved projects for Parks buildings and the Cogg Center. These projects are 75% complete and should be done in June with projected savings of \$250,000. Johnson Control performed projects at the Zoo, and they are still in progress. Technical energy audits are being reviewed and will be brought to the Committee with recommendations for future projects.

**The Committee took no action on this informational item.**

17. 08-178  
(a)

A report on an adopted resolution that designates one week in May each year, which week shall coincide with American Public Works Association (APWA) National Public Works Week to acknowledge the efforts of Milwaukee County Transportation and Public Works' employees. **(Department report on current year activities including the truck rodeo.) (INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

**APPEARANCE:**

Jack Takerian, Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works

The event is open to Transportation and Public Works employees and family. The Department invited County Board Supervisors and families. This year's event will kick off with an event on May 16 similar to "Dozer Days". The kids will be allowed to climb on and in the equipment. The rodeo will be held on May 19 at the Highway grounds at Watertown Plank Road.

This employee appreciation day is sponsored in part by a contribution from the union.

**The Committee took no action on this informational item.**

**SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):**

**Fund Transfers**

18. 09-1      A summary of fund transfers being presented to the Finance and Audit Committee.  
**(INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

Supervisor Sanfelippo suggested not spending the money for the street sweeper to save jobs. It was explained the funding comes from bonding and cannot be used for wages.

**The Committee took no action on this informational item.**

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 11:00 a.m.

*Carol Mueller*

Committee Clerk

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Brian Dranzik, Budget and Policy Administrator DPW  
Ms. Sherri Hill, County Executive's Director of Community Relations  
Ms. Anita Gulotta-Connelly, Managing Director, Milwaukee Transport Services  
Mr. Greg High, Director, Architectural, Engineering and Environmental Services  
Mr. Jack Takerian, Interim Director, Facilities Management  
Mr. Stevan Keith, Director of Sustainability  
Mr. Martin Weddle, County Board Research Analyst

**DEADLINE FOR TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSIT COMMITTEE**

The next regular meeting for the Transportation Committee is **May 6, 2009**. **Items for the agenda must be in the Committee Clerk's possession by the end of the business day on Wednesday, April 22, 2009.**

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