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## COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSIT

Wednesday, December 2, 2009 – 9:00 A.M.  
Courthouse Room 201 B

### MINUTES

#### **SCHEDULED ITEMS:**

**PRESENT:** Supervisors Clark, Borkowski, Weishan, Jursik, Larson\*, Sanfelippo and Mayo (Chair)  
\*Supervisor Larson was not present at roll call but appeared shortly thereafter.

#### **Public Hearing –1**

1. 09-T25 Public Hearing on Milwaukee County's Proposed 2010 Section 85.21 Grant Application, Scheduled for December 2, 2009 during the regular meeting of the Committee on Transportation, Public Works and Transit. **(INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

#### **APPEARANCE(S):**

Brian Dranzik, Director, Transportation and Public Works Operations

Mr. Dranzik responded to a question regarding projects under this grant. He stated that this money is received every year and both pertain to paratransit services.

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

#### **State of Wisconsin – 1**

2. 09-T26 From Mr. Dan Kanninen, Representative of Governor Doyle, a verbal report on the revised bill regarding the Regional Transit Authority (RTA). **(INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

*(This item was taken out of order and heard last.)*

#### **APPEARANCE(S):**

Dan Kanninen, Governor Doyle's Legislative Director

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the Governor's bill for the RTA. Counties would join an Interim Regional Transit Authority (IRTA) and after meeting certain

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criteria, would become a member of the RTA.

Milwaukee County would receive the authority for 05% sales tax money requested in a referendum once it joined the IRTA. Changes discussed in Madison on December 1 were presented to the Committee. The changes proposed are to be incorporated into version 4 of Bill LRB3451. The Bill needs approval by the State legislation before any RTA in southeastern Wisconsin could be created.

Many questions regarding the proposed Bill were discussed including: governance, taxation, current bus systems, sales tax authority, the Kenosha, Racine, Milwaukee rail, spending of revenues and future distributions of local and federal monies.

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

**Transit - 4**

3. 09-407 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works, requesting authorization to enter into a management agreement with Milwaukee Transport Services, Inc. for terms agreed to by the Department of Transportation and Public Works and management personnel of Milwaukee Transport Services Inc. for a three year contract with two option years beginning January 1, 2010. **(10/21/09 Committee on Transportation, Public Works and Transit approved 7-0. 11/5/09 County Board laid over to Budget Adoption Meeting. 11/9/09 County Board referred back to Committee.)**

**APPEARANCE(S):**

Brian Dranzik, Director, Transportation and Public Works Operations

Supervisor Weishan explained this item was referred back due to questions regarding transit funding in the 2010 Budget.

This was the only response to the request for proposals.

**MOTION BY: (Borkowski) Approve. (Vote 7-0)**

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

**NOES:** -0

**EXCUSED:** -0

4. 09-434 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works and the Managing Director of the Milwaukee County Transit System, requesting authorization to permanently modify Routes 40 and 47 to provide appropriate customer service levels effective January 4, 2010.

**SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):**

**APPEARANCE(S):**

Anita Gulotta-Connelly, Managing Director, Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS)

Ms. Connelly clarified that this change would keep in effect modifications made during the I94 construction. This provides service for two routes at each park and ride lot.

***MOTION BY: (Larson) Approve. (Vote 7-0)***

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

**NOES:** -0

**EXCUSED:** -0

5. 09-447 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works and the Managing Director of the Milwaukee County Transit System, requesting authorization to enter into agreement with State-funded care management organizations (CMO) that provide full reimbursement of the cost of providing transportation services.

***This item was withdrawn prior to the meeting coming to order. It will be rescheduled in the January 2010 cycle.***

6. 09-195 (a)(a) A report back on an adopted resolution recommending that Route 53 be modified on a trial basis (from June 14 to August 30, 2009) to serve the arrivals and departures of the Lake Express ferry excluding the 12:30 am trip.  
**(INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

**APPEARANCE(S):**

Anita Gulotta-Connelly, Managing Director, MCTS

The ridership for this trail basis amounted to 6.5 rides per day. It is the recommendation of MCTS not to continue this route variation.

***MOTION BY: (Clark) Receive and place on file the said report. (Vote 7-0)***

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

**NOES:** -0

**EXCUSED:** -0

**Airport - 3**

7. 09-435 From the Interim Director of Transportation and Public Works, requesting adoption of the Master Plan Update for General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA) and authorization for submission to the Federal Aviation Administration for approval.

**SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):**

**APPEARANCE(S):**

Barry Bateman, Director, General Mitchell International Airport

Mary Cannon, Consultant

Barbara Michael, PB Americas (formerly PB Aviation)

Mr. Bateman noted this is a major document for GMIA. This has been months in the making with outreach to stakeholders, tenants, airlines, neighbors and the public.

Ms. Michael explained the process involved in the master plan. It started by doing an inventory of existing facilities, forecasts and aviation demands. Previously, the facilities planning were by dates, now they are by planning activity levels. This is a 20-year outlook with projected enplanements of over 12 million passengers.

The former master plan looked extensively at the level of airfields including the new C1 runway. This demand capacity plan concentrated on the terminal capacity and not if, but when the C1 runway should be built along with the extension to runway 119L. The plan suggests building between 2020-2022. Curbside needs with alternatives where considered that include a road inside the parking garage for commercial vehicles, 2 new concourses, new roads and an addition to the parking garage. This plan coordinated with the noise study contours. Before these plans can be built, a new environmental study would need to be done based on FAA regulations.

The airport layout plan is the 20-year guide the FAA uses to determine the funding for projects in the future. The next step is capital improvement planning and funding. The total cost for the master plan comes to approximately \$1.6-1.7 billion that could change over time. Bonds, airport revenues, passenger facilities charges, grants from the state and FAA are the most common means of funding. The FAA will not accept the plan without showing the ability to pay for it.

Supervisor Jursik told the Committee how excited her communities are with the upgrades to College Avenue and the 440<sup>th</sup> area. She suggested that we embrace the areotropolis approach for the surrounding area and work with the community organizations to make this a very viable area.

Supervisors Borkowski and Mayo thanked the team for keeping the public and Supervisors updated on the progress of this plan.

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

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

**NOES:** -0

**EXCUSED:** -0

**SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):**

8. 09-436 From the Interim Director of Transportation and Public Works, requesting the said property at 5904 South Howell Avenue be declared surplus property in excess of Airport needs and authorize the disposition of said property to the Raymond Management Company for the appraised value.

**APPEARANCE(S):**

Barry Bateman, Director, General Mitchell International Airport

Supervisor Clark clarified that the declaration and sale of airport property doesn't go to the Economic and Community Development because the proceeds revert back to GMIA, in this case for noise abatement projects. Mr. Bateman said there are height restrictions on this property.

Supervisor Sanfelippo feels that during this depressed economy, Milwaukee County may not be getting a sufficient price for the parcel. The land is facing Howell Avenue and may have more value as commercial property than it did as residential.

Supervisor Mayo requested before the County Board cycle for December, the airport provide the Committee with the original purchase price of said property back in 1996 and the price that St. Stephen's was recently sold for.

***MOTION BY: (Clark) Approve. (Vote 4-2)***

**AYES:** Clark, Borkowski, Weishan and Larson - 4

**NOES:** - Sanfelippo and Mayo (Chair) - 2

**EXCUSED:** Jursik

9. 06-395 **2007 Adopted Budget Amendment 1B027**, a quarterly report to the Committees on Finance and Audit and Transportation and Public Works on the status of all currently authorized Airport Capital Improvement Projects. **(Also to the Committee on Finance and Audit) (INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**  
(a)(k)

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

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

**NOES:** -0

**EXCUSED:** - Jursik

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

Transportation and Public Works - 4

10. 09-432 A Resolution By the Committee on Personnel, to modify the requirements for the position of Director, Department of Transportation and Public Works, by making a Professional Engineer (PE) degree a preferred, rather than mandatory, requirement for appointment. **(10/23/09 Personnel approved 4-2) (11/5/09 County Board referred to Transportation, Public Works and Transit.)**

**APPEARANCE(S):**

Tom Nardelli, Chief of Staff, County Executive

Various Supervisors expressed their concerns stating the need to have a PE degree for a position that deals daily with engineering issues. Other Supervisors expressed their concerns that the position has been vacant for almost a year. The Interim Director has been doing a good job without meeting these qualifications.

Mr. Nardelli told the Committee that it has been hard to find a candidate. The notice was posted twice in many professional journals. There is a shortage of engineers nationwide and harder to find one with a PE degree that is willing to relocate and possesses strong managerial skills needed for the job. Additionally, most respondents had no experience working in the public sector or the Wisconsin seasonal climate. He further stated that the job description would need to be adjusted and include the PE degree as preferred, rather than required.

Supervisor Clark checked a few national engineering sites and didn't find one that listed Milwaukee County seeking a position for Director of Transportation and Public Works. She feels a greater national effort should be made.

Supervisor Mayo requested that the County Executive's Office or Department of Human Resources provide the Committee, prior to the County Board meeting, with both job descriptions. This includes the previous posted description and the new proposed description for the position of Director of TPW. He further stated that there is a need for a more diverse staff in the department.

**MOTION BY: (Clark) Deny the resolution. (Vote 2-4)**

**AYES:** Clark and Weishan - 2

**NOES:** - Borkowski, Sanfelippo, Larson and Mayo (Chair) - 4

**EXCUSED:** Jursik

*Motion failed.*

**SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):**

**MOTION BY: (Borkowski) Approve. (Vote 4-2)**

**AYES:** Borkowski, Sanfelippo, Larson and Mayo (Chair) - 4

**NOES:** - Clark and Weishan - 2

**EXCUSED:** - Jursik

11. 09-T27 (09-467) From the Interim Director of Transportation and Public Works, a verbal report on correspondence sent to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) regarding the reduction for Highway Maintenance in the 2010 State Budget. **(INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

**APPEARANCE(S):**

Jack Takerian, Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works

Mr. Takerian stated that as of January 1, 2010, the State reduced the funding for routine highway maintenance within the Southeastern District as well as the entire state. Numerous meetings with multiple Highway Commissioners within the District resulted in letters submitted to WisDOT for reconsideration of funding for safety reasons.

A letter from WisDOT stated that the 2010 routine maintenance agreements (RMA's) reflect the changes in funding statewide, based on state budget constraints. This reduction results in maintenance of state highways not meeting the requirements. The State, due to constraints in the State Transportation Budget could not increase the funding.

A meeting in November 2009, with the Wisconsin Highways Association and Wisconsin Road Builders Association resulted in a discussion to create an agreement to give to the legislators. The agreement would put a firewall around maintenance, and would provide \$70 million from the Road Builders accounts if, the highways associations and legislature agree that counties could no longer build roads. In return, the firewall for the Road Builders Association would require any projects released by the state and locally be handled through the bid process. This would not affect Milwaukee County since we don't build roads. Other counties around the state do build roads for townships and villages as a revenue generator. The agreement may not be good for all counties and would need the approval of the highway associations and legislature. Without this agreement, the highway maintenance budget for Milwaukee County would be \$1.2 million less than 2009.

This funding shortage may result in 24 full-time highway employees laid off and no funding available for seasonal positions. This would mean from January to April and October to December we would not have staff necessary to keep up with road maintenance that Milwaukee County has had in the past. Mr. Takerian provided the Committee with a map of Milwaukee County that clearly designates

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(blue) State and (red) County roads. Milwaukee County does maintain both now, but the reduction would affect the (blue) State roads.

Supervisor Borkowski voiced his outrage regarding these cuts and pointed out this is what is wrong with government.

Mr. Takerian said the State has made it very clear that if any county in southeastern Wisconsin has a deficit during the winter months and another county has a surplus, funds would be transferred from the surplus area to the deficit area. Additionally, if no surplus exists in any other county to shift money, summer funding would be reduced by that amount to keep within the budget. Milwaukee County needs to monitor the budget very closely to stay on budget.

Milwaukee County is currently recalculating the lane miles in the county since the restructuring of the Marquette Interchange. At this time, there is a discrepancy of lane miles between Milwaukee County and the State. Until the lane miles are reconciled, the RMA will not be signed.

Supervisor Sanfelippo pointed out this is a result of the State raiding the Transportation fund. He further stated, this is a prime example why politicians need to use taxpayer monies for their intended appropriations.

***MOTION BY: (Mayo) Receive and place on file all correspondence and handout materials provided to the Committee. (Vote 6-0)***

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

**NOES:** -0

**EXCUSED:** - Jursik

12. 09-437 From the Interim Director of Transportation and Public Works, requesting authorization to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Milwaukee to implement a collaborative video surveillance project, to expend the 2008 Transit Security Grant awarded to Milwaukee County.

**APPEARANCE(S):**

Jack Takerian, Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works  
Brian Dranzik, Director, Operations

The collaboration is between Milwaukee County, Milwaukee County Transport Services and the City of Milwaukee. The surveillance systems would be installed in high incident intersections and would be monitored and maintained by the City.

**SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):**

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

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

**NOES:** -0

**EXCUSED:** - Jursik

13. 09-433 From the Interim Director of Transportation and Public Works, requesting authorization to apply for and accept a Wisconsin Focus on Energy Staffing grant (2010) to offset labor costs for energy efficiency projects. **(Also to the Committee on Parks, Energy and Environment.)**

**APPEARANCE(S):**

Stevan Keith, Director of Sustainability

**MOTION BY: (Clark) Approve. (Vote 6-0)**

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

**NOES:** -0

**EXCUSED:** - Jursik

**Fund Transfers**

14. 09-1 A summary of fund transfers being presented to the Finance and Audit Committee. **(INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**

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

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Brian Dranzik, Budget and Policy Administrator DTPW

Ms. Anita Gulotta-Connelly, Managing Director, MCTS

Mr. Barry Bateman, Director GMIA

Mr. Tom Nardelli, Chief of Staff, County Executive

Mr. Jack Takerian, Interim Director, DTPW

Mr. Stevan Keith, Director of Sustainability

Mr. Martin Weddle, Research Analyst, County Board

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 is available in the County Board Committee Services Division.

Length of meeting approximately: 9:05 a.m. until 11:20 a.m.

*Carol Mueller*

Committee Clerk

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

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

The next regular meeting for the Transportation Committee is **January 20, 2010.**

**Items for the agenda must be in the Committee Clerk's possession by the end of the business day on Tuesday, January 6, 2010.**

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