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COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSIT

Wednesday, July 14, 2010 - 9:00 A.M.

Courthouse Room 201-B

MINUTES

PRESENT: Supervisors Weishan, Borkowski, Cesarz, Dimitrijevic, Thomas, Harris and Mayo (Chair)

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

RESOLUTIONS - 4

1. 10-267 A Resolution by Supervisor Thomas directing Milwaukee County Transport Services, Inc. and the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) to conduct a request for proposals process for video service on MCTS buses.
(Recommendation: Refer to staff.)

APPEARANCES:

Troy Shaw, Focus on Diversity

John Davis, Allied Technologies Online

Anita Gulotta-Connelly, Managing Director, Milwaukee County Transit System

Jack Takerian, Director, Transportation and Public Works (DTPW)

00:21 Supervisor Thomas stated this resolution represents an opportunity to raise dedicated funding for transit. Issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) would support individuals who would be willing to take over the video monitors, which, in turn, will bring in substantial revenue to help support transit.

01:31 Supervisor Dimitrijevic requested to be added as a cosponsor.

01:44 Mr. Davis and Mr. Shaw provided the Committee with a brief overview of their proposal and vision to take over existing video monitors and add additional monitors on buses.

Questions and comments ensued.

20:26 Supervisor Harris requested to be added as a cosponsor.

MOTION BY:(Weishan) Approve. 7-0

AYES: Weishan, Borkowski, Cesarz, Dimitrijevic, Thomas, Harris, and Mayo (Chair) – 7

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

2. 10-247 **NOES:** 0
A Resolution by Supervisors Rice and Sanfelippo, expressing the will of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors that any revenue generated through an increase in County sales tax revenue be utilized exclusively for transit-related services provided by the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) and expressing opposition to submittal of the federal "New Starts" application to enter into the preliminary engineering phase for the Kenosha-Racine-Milwaukee (KRM) Commuter Rail project submitted by the Southeastern Regional Transit Authority (SERTA). **(06/24/10: Failed on Board Floor under Suspension of the Rules.)**

APPEARANCES:

County Supervisor Joseph Rice, 6th District
County Supervisor Christopher Larson, 14th District

- 00:53 Supervisor Rice stated in a time of fiscal challenges to the existing transit system, maintaining support for that system really should be the number one priority. Potential service reductions are on the horizon. The scarce revenue existing ought to be used first and foremost to support those areas that are facing the most severe challenges, which is the bus system. Before diverting tax dollars to an expensive new system, the Board should express the position that any newly derived funding that could result from a legislatively approved sales tax increase should be earmarked for the transit system. This resolution also puts the County Board on record with respect to the efforts by Southeastern Regional Transit Authority (SERTA) to obtain a "New Starts" grant from the Federal Transit Authority for the Kenosha-Racine-Milwaukee (KRM) Commuter Rail project.

Questions and comments ensued.

MOTION BY:(Weishan) AMEND the Resolution by Deleting Lines 56-59. 7-0

AYES: Weishan, Borkowski, Cesarz, Dimitrijevic, Thomas, Harris, and Mayo (Chair) – 7

NOES: 0

- 09:40 Ms. Kerry Thomas, Transit Now, appeared and spoke regarding this item.

MOTION BY:(Dimitrijevic) Lay item over to the Call of the Chair. 4-3

AYES: Weishan, Dimitrijevic, Thomas, and Harris – 4

NOES: Borkowski, Cesarz, and Mayo (Chair) – 3

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

3. 10-134 A Resolution by Supervisors Dimitrijevic, Weishan and Johnson, reaffirming the position of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors as reflected in the 2010 Adopted Budget regarding the proposal from the County Executive to contract for building security services. **(05/27/10: Referred back to the Committees on Finance and Audit and Transportation, Public Works and Transit by the County Board.)**

APPEARANCE:

Tim Schoewe, Acting Corporation Counsel

MOTION BY:(Dimitrijevic) Approve. 5-2

00:51 Mr. Kurt Zunker, AFSCME Local 882, appeared and spoke regarding this item.

Questions and comments ensued.

This item was temporarily laid over.

00:16 Mr. Schoewe stated the Board could certainly reiterate policy. However, as a result of the lawsuit and the Circuit Court decision that was made on this matter, the Board would not be able to, as a result of this resolution, reverse the layoffs that were imposed by the Administration.

AYES: Weishan, Dimitrijevic, Thomas, Harris, and Mayo (Chair) – 5

NOES: Borkowski and Cesarz – 2

4. 10-248 A Resolution by Supervisors Larson and Jursik, supporting Milwaukee's Gateway Aerotropolis collaborative planning efforts.

APPEARANCES:

County Supervisor Christopher Larson, 14th District

Tim Schoewe, Acting Corporation Counsel

Tim Karaskiewicz, Principal Assistant, Corporation Counsel

MOTION BY:(Borkowski) Approve.

Questions and comments ensued.

05:02 Supervisor Dimitrijevic requested to be added as a cosponsor.

05:55 Supervisor Larson stated this initiative has been working around the airport encouraging the different municipalities and different government entities to

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work together to develop a common map. Right now, municipalities' maps end at its city's borders when it relates to economic development. If it is not on the inside of a particular city, there is no benefit to that community based off of the way it is zoned. Regular meetings have been conducted to put together this single map that includes all municipalities. Milwaukee County does not have the power of zoning for long-term economic development. The individual cities do. Municipalities have been signing on to this project, one by one, and Milwaukee County is the last entity in this process that needs to sign on. This will ensure that everyone is working together towards economic development.

08:40 The following people appeared and spoke regarding this item:
Mr. Tom Rave, Gateway to Milwaukee County
Mr. Jaime Maliszewski, RPW, Inc.

Questions and comments ensued at length.

This item was temporarily laid over.

MOTION BY:(Dimitrijevic) Refer this item to Corporation Counsel. 4-3

AYES: Weishan, Cesarz, Thomas, and Mayo (Chair) – 4

NOES: Borkowski, Dimitrijevic, and Harris– 3

TRANSIT - 3

Item #s 5 and 6 were considered together.

5. 10-249 From the Director, Department of Transportation and Public Works, and the Managing Director, Milwaukee County Transit System, requesting authorization to extend Route 35 Service to 42nd and Silver Spring as described effective with the fall schedule change in September 2010.

SEE ITEM #6 FOR COMMITTEE ACTION

6. 10-250 From the Director, Department of Transportation and Public Works, and the Managing Director, Milwaukee County Transit System, requesting authorization to modify Route 40U (Holt-College UBUS) to eliminate service to the Rockwell park-ride lot at 5th and Scott, add service to downtown Milwaukee and the MATC South campus, and add evening service effective with the beginning of the Fall school semester.

APPEARANCE:

Anita Gulotta-Connelly, Managing Director, Milwaukee County Transit System

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

Questions and comments ensued.

MOTION BY:(Borkowski) Approve Item #s 5 and 6. 7-0

AYES: Weishan, Borkowski, Cesarz, Dimitrijevic, Thomas, Harris,
and Mayo (Chair) – 7

NOES: 0

7. 10-109 From the Director, Transportation and Public Works and the Managing Director of the Milwaukee County Transit System, a report on the recommended use of Interstate Cost Estimate (ICE) funds allocated to Milwaukee County for the development of a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) route alignment operating Fond du Lac Avenue and National Avenue. **(04/07/10: Referred to staff for a report back.)**

APPEARANCES:

Anita Gulotta-Connelly, Managing Director, Milwaukee County Transit System
Brian Dranzik, Budget and Policy Administrator, Department of Transportation and Public Works

Pamela Bryant, Capital Finance Manager, Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

00:43 Mr. Dranzik stated in the process of reviewing the capital program, DAS found a bonding program that was available for this project called the Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds program. This bonding program is fairly selective as to what qualifies. One of the items of eligibility, however, is expenditures to reduce pollution from vehicles used for mass commuting. Under that definition, the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project would meet that definition. It has the additional advantage of having a 70% interest reimbursement rate versus the 35% interest reimbursement rate for Build America Bonds.

02:44 Ms. Bryant stated the Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds' program enhancements are a part of the American Reinvestment Recovery Act (ARRA) funding. DAS began looking into different mechanisms for financing the capital program when the stimulus plan was approved. An appearance was made before the Finance and Audit Committee last year to utilize the Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds. At that time, they were not a part of the Build America Bond program. The program had received additional money as a part of the stimulus plan. At that time, there really was not a market for those bonds. Since then, the federal government has included them as part of the Build America Bond program, which has been very successful. With that, they kept the reimbursement rate at the 70%, which actually makes it a more appealing finance mechanism.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

Questions and comments ensued.

MOTION BY:(Weishan) Lay item over to the Call of the Chair. 5-2

AYES: Weishan, Borkowski, Dimitrijevic, Thomas, and Harris – 5

NOES: Cesarz, and Mayo (Chair) – 2

AIRPORT - 8

8. 10-251 From the Director, Department of Transportation and Public Works, and the Airport Director requesting authorization to approve a supplemental agreement to Airport No. GA-1970 between Milwaukee County and the Federal General Services Administration on behalf of the Transportation Security Administration for the rental of approximately and additional 2,240 square feet within the Administration Building at General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA).

APPEARANCES:

Barry Bateman, Director, General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA)
Jack Takerian, Director, Transportation and Public Works (DTPW)

MOTION BY:(Weishan) Approve. 7-0

AYES: Weishan, Borkowski, Cesarz, Dimitrijevic, Thomas, Harris,
and Mayo (Chair) – 7

NOES: 0

Item #s 9, 10, and 11 were considered together.

9. 10-252 From the Director, Department of Transportation and Public Works, requesting authorization to apply for and accept funds associated with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) grant for Phase II of the Airport's in-line baggage project.

SEE ITEM #11 FOR COMMITTEE ACTION

10. 10-253 From the Director, Department of Transportation and Public Works, requesting authorization to enter into a lease agreement with Frontier Airlines, Inc., for the lease of 16,515 square feet of space located in the Air Freight Building at General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA).

SEE ITEM #11 FOR COMMITTEE ACTION

11. 07-348(a)(b) From the Director, Department of Transportation and Public Works,

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requesting authorization to amend Airport Agreement No. CN-1455 between Milwaukee County and Sprint Spectrum, L.P., as assigned to Concourse Communications SSP, LLC.

APPEARANCES:

Barry Bateman, Director, General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA)
Jack Takerian, Director, Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW)

MOTION BY:(Weishan) Approve Item #s 9, 10, and 11. 7-0

AYES: Weishan, Borkowski, Cesarz, Dimitrijevic, Thomas, Harris,
and Mayo (Chair) – 7

NOES: 0

12. 10-254 From the Director, Department of Transportation and Public Works, and the Airport Director requesting authorization to enter into a lease agreement with the Hunger Task Force, Inc. (HTF), effective July 1, 2010, for the lease of Building 205 and the adjacent parking area located at the former 440th Air Force Reserve Station (ARS).

APPEARANCES:

Barry Bateman, Director, General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA)
Ted Torcivia, Airport Business Manager, GMIA

Questions and comments ensued.

MOTION BY:(Weishan) Approve. 7-0

AYES: Weishan, Borkowski, Cesarz, Dimitrijevic, Thomas, Harris,
and Mayo (Chair) – 7

NOES: 0

13. 10-255 From the Director, Department of Transportation and Public Works, and the Airport Director requesting authorization to enter into a lease agreement with Air Force Real Property Agency (AFRPA), effective July 1, 2010, for the lease of the following: Building 212; Building 211 (support facility for Building 212); Building 213 (support facility for Building 212); and the adjacent parking area located at the former 440th Air Force Reserve Station (ARS).

APPEARANCES:

Barry Bateman, Director, General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA)
Ted Torcivia, Airport Business Manager, GMIA

00:32 Mr. Bateman stated the 440th Air Force Reserve base closed. Their fire

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department supported the 128th Air National Guards' fire department. The 128th now has to make their fire department more robust. They are in the process of designing and eventually constructing a larger fire station on the Guard base. In the meantime, they have asked for permission to use the old 440th fire station as a secondary location for their fire operations to support the Guard base.

Questions and comments ensued.

MOTION BY:(Borkowski) Approve. 7-0

AYES: Weishan, Borkowski, Cesarz, Dimitrijevic, Thomas, Harris,
and Mayo (Chair) – 7

NOES: 0

Item #s 14 and 15 were considered together.

14. 10-256 From the Director, Department of Transportation and Public Works, requesting authorization to deed the South 6th Street realignment to the City of Milwaukee for dedication to public street purposes.

SEE ITEM #15 FOR COMMITTEE ACTION

15. 10-275 From the Director, Department of Transportation and Public Works, and the Airport Director requesting authorization to amend Section 4.11 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances to reflect changes to the non-signatory airline rate structure at General Mitchell International Airport.

MOTION BY:(Weishan) Approve Item #s 14 and 15. 7-0

AYES: Weishan, Borkowski, Cesarz, Dimitrijevic, Thomas, Harris,
and Mayo (Chair) – 7

NOES: 0

FUND TRANSFERS – 1

16. 10-T-1 A summary of fund transfers being presented to the Finance and Audit Committee. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

APPEARANCE:

Jack Takerian, Director, Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW)

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

00:15 Mr. Takerian provided the Committee with a brief explanation of each fund transfer.

The Committee took no action regarding this informational report.

PUBLIC WORKS – 3

17. 10-257 From the Director, Department of Transportation and Public Works, requesting authorization to begin discussions with the City of Wauwatosa regarding purchasing the Milwaukee County operated water system on the Milwaukee County Grounds with the water system of Wauwatosa.

This item was withdrawn by the Committee Chairman prior to commencement of the meeting's proceedings.

18. 10-T-18 From the Director, Department of Transportation and Public Works, submitting an informational report as it relates to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's (WisDOT) 2010 Budget reduction for Highway Maintenance. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

APPEARANCE:

Jack Takerian, Director, Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW)

00:22 Mr. Takerian stated in October of 2009, the State informed Milwaukee County of a reduction in funding for highway maintenance. This reduction was effective as of January 2010. January through March of this year, modifications were made within that Budget that would keep full staff on both first and third shift. During the October through November cycle of the winter operations, the State has been notified that Milwaukee County is going to now operate similar to how other counties operate within the state, which is a single shift of first shift. There will be a small group of individuals on third shift to handle emergency situations. The main focus, however, will be first shift. Any snow events that would carry beyond first shift will be paid by the State at an overtime rate.

Questions and comments ensued.

The Committee took no action regarding this informational report.

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85(1)(e), the Committee may adjourn into closed session for the purpose of discussing the following matter(s):

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SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

19. 10-T-19 A. From the Director, Department of Transportation and Public Works, submitting notification of emergency repair pursuant to Milwaukee County Ordinance Section 44.14(6) – Examination of the Exterior of Selected County Buildings. **(Also considered by the Committee on Finance and Audit.) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

SEE ITEM #19B FOR COMMITTEE ACTION

- B. From the Director, Department of Transportation and Public Works, submitting notification of emergency repair pursuant to Milwaukee County Ordinance Section 44.14(6) – O'Donnell Park Parking Structure. **(Also considered by the Committee on Finance and Audit.) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Item numbers 19A and 19B were withdrawn by the Committee Chairman prior to commencement of the meeting's proceedings.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

STAFF PRESENT:

Anita Gulotta-Connelly, Managing Director, Milwaukee County Transit System
Jack Takerian, Director, Transportation and Public Works (DTPW)
County Supervisor Joseph Rice, 6th District
County Supervisor Christopher Larson, 14th District
Tim Karaskiewicz, Principal Assistant, Corporation Counsel
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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, along with the audio recording of this meeting, is available in the County Board Committee Services Division.

Length of meeting: 9:04 a.m. to 11:16 a.m.

Adjourned,

Jodi Mapp

Committee Clerk
Committee on Transportation, Public Works & Transit