

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S 2007 BUDGET

DEPT: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS –TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

UNIT NO. 5070

FUND: Internal Service - 0028

OPERATING AUTHORITY & PURPOSE

The Transportation Services section of the Department of Public Works (DPW) is comprised of Transportation Planning and Transportation Engineering services.

The Transportation Engineering Section implements projects defined under County policy in accordance with the guidelines provided by grantor agencies and/or as prescribed by law. The projects are funded through State and/or Federal grants, with local funds provided by the County, cities or villages and private developers.

The Transportation Planning Section represents Milwaukee County interests in pertinent safety and multimodal transportation planning, prepares related transportation plans, and aggressively seeks out, applies for and professionally manages State and Federal grant funds which reduce tax levy support for County transportation projects while maintaining and applying its technical capacity for competent project management. The Transportation Planning Section provides technical and professional expertise for multimodal and transit planning and coordination, grant preparation and development, as well as transit system development and oversight.

BUDGET SUMMARY				
Account Summary	2005 Actual	2006 Budget	2007 Budget	2006/2007Change
Personal Services (w/o EFB)	\$ 1,283,383	\$ 1,305,289	\$ 1,321,639	\$ 16,350
Employee Fringe Benefits (EFB)	760,688	760,535	733,346	(27,189)
Services	28,957	35,000	36,080	1,080
Commodities	12,611	19,000	18,235	(765)
Other Charges	0	1,000	1,000	0
Debt & Depreciation	8,978	9,287	9,287	0
Capital Outlay	28,851	327,400	278,810	(48,590)
Capital Contra	(8,829)	0	0	0
County Service Charges	1,335,577	1,015,289	989,289	(26,000)
Abatements	(1,113,506)	(826,007)	(789,427)	36,580
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,336,710	\$ 2,646,793	\$ 2,598,259	\$ (48,534)
Direct Revenue	99,436	75,300	80,600	5,300
State & Federal Revenue	17,749	290,665	250,920	(39,745)
Indirect Revenue	2,789,083	2,417,038	2,274,934	(142,104)
Total Revenue	\$ 2,906,268	\$ 2,783,003	\$ 2,606,454	\$ (176,549)
Direct Total Tax Levy	(569,558)	(136,210)	(8,195)	128,015

ADDITIONAL COSTS NOT INCLUDED IN TAX LEVY*				
Account Summary	2005 Actual	2006 Budget	2007 Budget	2006/2007Change
Central Service Allocation	\$ 68,688	\$ 66,384	\$ 38,270	\$ (28,114)
Courthouse Space Rental	150,180	156,498	136,020	(20,478)
Tech Support & Infrastructure	31,107	25,498	35,062	9,564
Distribution Services	398	419	589	170
Telecommunications	4,141	5,142	5,477	335
Record Center	2,536	2,486	654	(1,832)
Radio	0	0	0	0
Computer Charges	12,506	15,056	8,328	(6,728)
Applications Charges	26,694	21,966	21,418	(548)
Total Charges	\$ 296,250	\$ 293,449	\$ 245,818	\$ (47,631)
Direct Property Tax Levy	\$ (569,558)	\$ (136,210)	\$ (8,195)	\$ 128,015
Total Property Tax Levy	\$ (273,308)	\$ 157,239	\$ 237,623	\$ 80,384

* These costs are included in other departmental and non-departmental budgets. They are reflected here to show the "total" amount of tax levy support for this Department.

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Employee Fringe Benefits (EFB)	\$ 760,688	\$ 760,535	\$ 733,346	\$ (27,189)
Position Equivalent (Funded)*	18.9	20.4	17.8	(2.6)
% of Gross Wages Funded	87.9	99.0	100	(1.0)
Overtime (Dollars)**	\$ 24,158	\$ 43,572	\$ 43,516	\$ (56)
Overtime (Equivalent to Position)	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.0

* For 2005 Actuals, the Position Equivalent is the budgeted amount.

** Delineated for information. (Also included in personal services.)

PERSONNEL CHANGES				
Job Title/Classification	Action	Number of Positions/ Total FTE	Division	Cost of Positions (Excluding Fringe Benefits)
Engineering Technician	Abolish	1/1.0	Transportation Services	\$ (54,081)
Engineering Intern	Abolish	4/2.0	Transportation Services	(51,476)
Engineering Technician SE	Create	1/.5	Transportation Services	31,614
			TOTAL	\$ (73,943)

MISSION

The mission of Transportation Services is to cost-effectively plan, design and implement projects necessary to maintain and enhance the safety and efficiency of the County's highways, bridges, traffic control facilities and transit systems.

DEPARTMENT DESCRIPTION

The Transportation Services section consists of Transportation Planning and Transportation Engineering.

Transportation Planning Section

Transportation Planning provides multimodal transportation planning, development, grant administration and project and asset management and performs required duties as owner's representative in the County's Mass Transit development and coordination. Those duties include providing transit management oversight as required by the Federal and State governments, providing transit grant application and administration, as well as transit planning and transit facility development.

Transportation Engineering is divided into the following functional areas:

Highway Engineering provides planning and design activities for Highway Capital Improvement projects, County Highway Action Program projects and coordination of the Local Road Improvement Program projects as required by State law and County policy.

Construction Management is responsible for field inspection, construction engineering, construction management, and contract administration of Highway and Transportation projects. Projects include, but are not limited to, intersection improvements and road and bridge rehabilitation or reconstruction.

Bridge Engineering provides planning, design and construction of new bridges and for the rehabilitation of existing County-owned bridges. This group, as mandated by State law, conducts biennial bridge inspections of all County-owned bridges and administers the Local Bridge Program for all municipalities' local bridges in Milwaukee County.

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Traffic Engineering provides planning, design and implementation of projects needed to maintain and improve the safety, operational efficiency and functional integrity of the County's Highway network, including projects in the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program and Hazard Elimination Program.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- Personal Services expenditures without fringe benefits increase \$16,350 from \$1,305,289 to \$1,321,639. Funded position equivalents decrease from 20.4 to 17.8.
- The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) statement number 45 (GASB-45), issued in 2004, will become effective for Milwaukee County in 2007. This statement establishes standards for the measurement, recognition, and display of Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) expenditures and related liabilities. For the County, this OPEB cost is for post retirement health insurance and life insurance benefits for eligible employees. Beginning in 2007, Milwaukee County is required to accrue for the annual cost of OPEB earned by an employee during the year (normal cost) plus the amortization of past service costs earned by an employee prior to the effective date of the new governmental accounting standard. In order to comply with Wisconsin state statutes, proprietary fund departments must follow governmental accounting rules and use accrual accounting. Transportation Services has a budgeted amount of \$136,000 included for OPEB liability.
- One vacant position of Engineering Technician and four positions (2.0 FTEs) of Engineering Intern are abolished. One half-time position of Engineering Technician Seasonal is created. This position will be responsible for oversight and inspection of projects during the construction season.
- Professional Service revenue decreased \$142,104 from \$2,417,038 to \$2,274,934 to reflect the true amount of recoverable direct labor costs.
- Revenue is approximately 77% of expenditure costs, which is 17% lower than 2006. Transportation Services performs duties that cannot be charged to capital projects or other agencies requiring direct tax levy support. The duties that are tax levy funded include pavement management, traffic safety improvement studies and investigating constituent concerns on County trunk highways.
- In 2007 Capital Outlay decreases \$48,590, from \$327,400 to \$278,810. This is the second year of the Hazard Elimination Safety Project (HES), which has a total expenditure authority of \$278,810. HES Expenditures are off-set by a Federal grant of \$250,920 and a required 10% County match of \$27,890. The HES project will install Light Emitting Diode (LED) fixtures into county traffic signals. The LED fixtures have greater visibility than the standard lenses, have a much longer life, including a five-year warranty, and dramatically decrease the electrical costs of signal operation. It is anticipated that at the completion of the project, there will be an 80% savings in electrical costs. This savings will be reflected in the DPW-Highway Maintenance budget in 2008. Upon completion of the project in 2007, over 95% of the traffic signals will be converted to LED fixtures. Funds must be expended by September 2008.
- State Revenues decrease \$97,975 primarily due to the completion of a major maintenance project in the amount of \$84,975 for traffic signage and pavement. The remaining reduction of \$13,000 is associated with Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP). These funds are received biennially in even numbered years.
- All departments are required to operate within their expenditure appropriations and their overall budgets. Pursuant to Section 59.60(12), Wisconsin Statutes, "No payment may be authorized or made and no obligation incurred against the county unless the county has sufficient appropriations for payment. No payment may be made or obligation incurred against an appropriation unless the director first certifies that a sufficient unencumbered balance is or will be available in the appropriation to make the payment or to meet the obligation when it becomes due and payable. An obligation

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incurred and an authorization of payment in violation of this subsection is void. A county officer who knowingly violates this subsection is jointly and severely liable to the county for the

full amount paid. A county employee who knowingly violates this subsection may be removed for cause."