

ENROLLED ORDINANCE 174-84

MODIFY THE 2019 TRANSPORTATION FUND BUDGET FOR ADDITIONAL
TRANSIT EXPENSES AND STATE HIGHWAY OPERATIONS EXPENSES

WHEREAS, the Waukesha County Transit system is administered by the City of Waukesha; and

WHEREAS, revenue for the Waukesha County Transit system is a combination of funding from Waukesha County tax levy, the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and farebox revenue; and

WHEREAS, declining ridership has led to lower farebox revenues, resulting in a higher than budgeted local share expenses to be paid by Waukesha County, with the program over budget by \$120,000; and

WHEREAS, over budget Transit costs were mostly due to the weekday commuter routes that extend into western Waukesha County, including routes 901/904/905 (from various locations in Lake Country to the City of Waukesha, downtown Milwaukee, and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee) and route 906 (between the Village of Mukwonago, Village of Big Bend, City of New Berlin, and downtown Milwaukee), which were over budget by \$75,000 and \$19,000, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the declining ridership and farebox trends causing the over budget situation were identified by Public Works staff in 2019, and to help offset the budget concerns Public Works staff recommended to discontinue route 906 on December 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the County Board voted to continue the Route 906 service until June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin reimburses the County for storage of equipment and salt used on state roads, and that reimbursement has exceeded 2019 budgeted revenues, with \$49,000 available to help cover over budget Transit costs; and

WHEREAS, Waukesha County Highway Operations earns revenue for the production, storage and handling of winter materials (e.g., road salt, brine) sold to municipalities, which has exceeded budgeted 2019 revenues, with \$71,000 available to cover the remainder of the over budget Transit costs; and

WHEREAS, the Waukesha County Public Works Transportation Fund accounts for expenditures and revenues associated with the maintenance of the State and County Trunk Highway systems; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin reimburses the County for labor, equipment, material, administration, and indirect expenses associated with work performed on the State Trunk Highway system; and

WHEREAS, most of the work associated with State projects is routine and reimbursed through the annual Routine Maintenance Agreement (RMA); and

WHEREAS, sometimes additional State discretionary funds are available, which allow the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) to enter into additional one-time project Discretionary Maintenance Agreements (DMA) with the County; and

WHEREAS, material expenses (e.g., crack filler, replacement guardrails) for State RMA and DMA project work have exceeded 2019 budgeted amounts by \$190,000; and

WHEREAS, reimbursements from the State for project work materials has exceeded 2019 budgeted revenue and are available to fund above budget material expenses.

THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF WAUKESHA ORDAINS that the 2019 Department of Public Works Transportation Fund budget be modified by increasing operating expenditure appropriations by \$120,000 in the Transit Program, increasing interdepartmental revenues by \$49,000 and charges for services revenues by \$71,000 in the County Highway Operations Program.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the 2019 Department of Public Works Transportation Fund Budget be modified by increasing operating expenditure appropriations by \$190,000 and increasing general governmental revenues by \$190,000 in the State Highway Operations Program.


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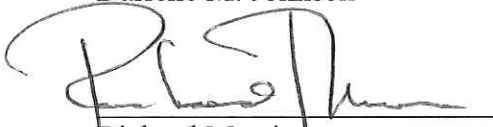
Presented by:
Public Works Committee


David W. Swan, Chair


Jennifer Grant


Keith Hammitt


Darlene M. Johnson


Richard Morris

absent
Thomas J. Schellinger


Steve Whittow

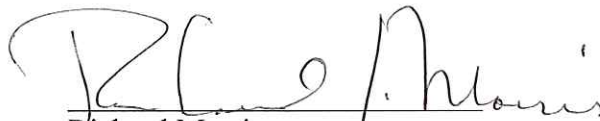
Approved by:
Finance Committee


Absent
James A. Heinrich, Chair

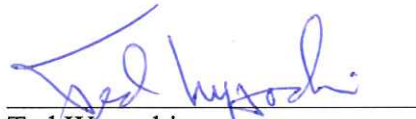

Timothy Dondlinger

Absent
Tyler J. Foti



Thomas A. Michalski


Richard Morris


Duane E. Paulson


Ted Wysocki

The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Waukesha County, Wisconsin, was presented to the County Executive on:

Date: 2/28/2020, 
Margaret Wartman, County Clerk

The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Waukesha County, Wisconsin, is hereby:

Approved: X
Vetoed: _____

Date: 2/28/2020, 
Paul Farrow, County Executive

Ordinance 174-O-088



Ordinance 174-O-088: Modify The 2019 Transportation Fund Budget For Additional Transit Expenses And State Highway Operations Expenses

VOTE RESULTS: Passed With 17 Yes Votes Needed

AYE: 23

NAY: 1

ABSENT: 1

D1 - Foti	Yes
D2 - Zimmermann	Yes
D3 - Morris	Yes
D4 - Batzko	Yes
D5 - Dondlinger	Yes
D6 - Walz	Yes
D7 - Grant	Yes
D8 - Michalski	Yes
D9 - Heinrich	Yes
D10 - Swan	Motion
D11 - Howard	ABSENT
D12 - Wolff	No
D13 - Decker	Yes

D14 - Wood	Yes
D15 - Mitchell	Yes
D16 - Crowley	Yes
D17 - Paulson	Yes
D18 - Nelson	Yes
D19 - Cummings	Yes
D20 - Schellinger	Yes
D21 - Gaughan	Yes
D22 - Wysocki	Yes
D23 - Hammitt	Yes
D24 - Whittow	Yes
D25 - Johnson	Second

FISCAL NOTE

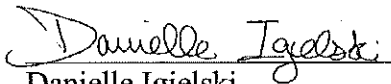
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This ordinance modifies the 2019 Transportation Fund budget by increasing operating expenditure appropriations in the Transit program by \$120,000 and increasing interdepartmental revenues by \$49,000 and charges for services revenue by \$71,000. The County's Transit program is provided through third-party contracts and is administered by the City of Waukesha (Waukesha Metro). Federal and state funding provided through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) covers a specific percentage of transit costs. Farebox revenues paid by riders also fund the program. Waukesha Metro bills the County for net Transit costs ("local share"), after subtracting the WisDOT and Farebox revenues received. Transit program costs are above-budget by \$120,000 mostly due to declining ridership and lower farebox revenues, largely due to the weekday commuter routes. This includes routes 901/904/905 (from various locations in Lake Country to the City of Waukesha, downtown Milwaukee, and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee) and route 906 (between the Village of Mukwonago, Village of Big Bend, City of New Berlin, and downtown Milwaukee), which were over budget by \$75,000 and \$19,000, respectively.

There are other revenue sources in the Transportation Fund, in the Highway Operations program, that are above budget and available to fund increased Transit expenditure appropriations. This includes WisDOT reimbursements to the County for storage of equipment and salt of \$49,000 and charges to municipalities for the production, storage, and handling of winter materials (e.g., road salt, brine) sold to municipalities of \$71,000.

This ordinance also modifies the 2019 Transportation Fund budget by increasing operating expenditure appropriations by \$190,000 and general government revenues by \$190,000 in the State Highway Operations Program. The department performed more maintenance work on State Highways through the State Routine Maintenance Agreement (RMA) and Discretionary Maintenance Agreements (DMA) than the budget anticipated, resulting in above-budget material expenses (e.g., crack filler, replacement guardrails) by \$190,000. These additional expenditure appropriations are funded with above-budget WisDOT reimbursement revenues.

This ordinance does not result in a direct tax levy impact.



Danielle Igielski
Accounting Services Manager
2/5/2020
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