

MILWAUKEE COUNTY TRANSIT-PARATRANSIT SYSTEM (5600)

MISSION

The Milwaukee County Transit / Paratransit System exists to provide reliable, convenient and safe public transportation services that efficiently and effectively meet the varied travel needs of the community and contribute to its quality of life.

Budget Summary		
	2013	2012/2013 Change
Expenditures	164,153,192	(4,923,474)
Revenue	145,028,432	(4,946,576)
Levy	19,124,760	23,102
<p>Major Programmatic Changes Estimated CMAQ funding of \$8.5 million. Continuation of Metro EXpress service on Red, Blue, and Green Lines. Increase funding for bus security by \$500,000. Paratransit subsidy rate increase of \$0.95.</p>		

OBJECTIVES

- Provide a safe and dependable transit system for the traveling public.
- Operate within established budgets while maximizing the quality and timeliness of services provided.
- Work with service providers to ensure that high quality paratransit service is provided cost effectively while meeting the needs of individuals with disabilities.
- Implement cost control measures while working with executive and legislative bodies toward improved fiscal sustainability.

DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Milwaukee County Department of Transportation (McDOT) provides public transit services through the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS). Direct management and operation of the transit system, including paratransit services, is provided by Milwaukee Transport Services, Inc. (MTS), a private non-profit corporation under contract to the County. The corporation uses transit facilities and equipment owned and provided by Milwaukee County.

Paratransit operations include the provision of demand responsive transportation and orientation to transportation services. These services provide a complement to the fixed-route services of MCTS and are available to those who are Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Paratransit eligible.

The Director's Office of the McDOT provides County oversight as well as conducts various transit related studies, and prepares and administers Federal and State transit grants. Division personnel also facilitate the acquisition of capital equipment, and provide design and construction services for capital facilities.

REQUESTED 2013 BUDGET

DEPT: Milwaukee County Transit-Paratransit System

UNIT NO. 5600
FUND: General - 0001

2013 BUDGET

Approach and Priorities

- The 2013 budget was developed, despite continuing financial constraints, in a manner to ensure the County's transit services continue to provide efficient transportation services by focusing on core service areas.

Programmatic Impacts

- The 2013 MCTS budget assumes no changes in service levels or increases in passenger fares.
- Continuation of Metro EXpress service on Green, Red, and Blue Lines.
- Estimated \$8.5 million in CMAQ funding to support express routes.
- Increase funding for bus security by \$500,000.
- Paratransit subsidy rate increase of \$0.95.

Transit Operations (Fixed Route)

Revenue and Expenditure Overview

Operating expenses total \$136,494,334, an increase of \$1,702,841 (1.3%) from the 2012 Adopted Budget. Passenger revenue (passenger abatement) is estimated at \$41,625,000, an increase of \$254,872 (0.6%). Fixed route services are increased by 18,202 miles (0.1%) and 9,453 hours (0.7%) due to a full 12 months of Metro EXpress service budgeted in 2013 compared to 11 months in the 2012 budget.

Fare Adjustments

The requested budget includes no increase in fixed route fares. Fares are detailed in the table "Fare Structure" found at the end of this narrative.

Service Changes

The requested budget includes no changes to current service levels.

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Paratransit Operations

Revenue and Expenditure Overview

Operating expenses total \$18,867,401, a decrease of \$7,567,048 (-28.6%) from the 2012 Adopted Budget. Program revenue is projected to be \$4,966,332, a decrease of \$5,982,802 (-54.6%) from 2012. The decrease in expenditures and revenues is the result of fewer trips budgeted in 2013 compared to 2012. Budgeted trips for 2013 total 679,429, a reduction of 325,385 trips compared to the 2012 Adopted Budget. Trip subsidies paid by Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) will increase from \$12.55 per trip to \$13.50 per trip.

Paratransit Fares

Paratransit fares will remain at \$4.00 per one-way trip.

Paratransit Service Area

The paratransit service area will maintain Milwaukee County border-to border service.

New Freedom Initiative

Transit will continue to coordinate with the Office for Persons with Disabilities and other County agencies to continue to provide free rides on the fixed route system for eligible persons with disabilities through the Federal New Freedom Initiative, with the goal of continuing to expand mobility and reducing the need for paratransit service.

BUDGET SUMMARY				
Account Summary	2011 Actual	2012 Budget	2013 Budget	2012/2013 Change
Personal Services (w/o EFB)	\$ 365	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ -
Employee Fringe Benefits (EFB)	0	0	0	-
Services	350,268	348,266	368,266	20,000
Commodities	415,219	420,000	490,000	70,000
Transit Operations	154,811,715	161,225,942	155,361,735	(5,864,207)
Other Charges	4,556,861	4,316,500	5,211,876	895,376
Capital Outlay	590,845	1,091,000	910,000	(181,000)
County Service Charges	2,683,547	2,765,958	2,721,315	(44,643)
Abatements	(84,918)	(1,091,000)	(910,000)	181,000
Total Expenditures	\$ 163,323,902	\$ 169,076,666	\$ 164,153,192	\$ (4,923,474)
State & Federal Revenue	89,632,529	94,078,246	94,899,600	821,354
Other Direct Revenue	7,801,840	7,415,500	2,535,500	(4,880,000)
Transit Revenue	48,753,325	48,481,262	47,593,332	(887,930)
Total Revenue	\$ 146,187,694	\$ 149,975,008	\$ 145,028,432	\$ (4,946,576)
Direct Total Tax Levy	17,136,208	19,101,658	19,124,760	23,102

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FARE STRUCTURE

Fare Type	Current Fare	2012 Fare	Fare Change
Adult Cash	\$2.25	\$2.25	\$0.00
Adult Ticket	10/\$17.50	10/\$17.50	\$0.00
Premium Cash	\$3.25	\$3.25	\$0.00
Premium Ticket	10/\$23.50	10/\$23.50	\$0.00
All Half fares Cash	\$1.10	\$1.10	\$0.00
All Half Fares Tickets	10/\$11.00	10/\$11.00	\$0.00
Adult Weekly Pass*	\$17.50	\$17.50	\$0.00
Monthly Pass	\$64.00	\$64.00	\$0.00
Student Pass – Special*	\$16.50	\$16.50	\$0.00
U-Pass**	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$0.00
Commuter Value Pass***	\$201.00	\$201.00	\$0.00
Paratransit Fare****	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$0.00

- * Per Week
- ** Per School Semester
- *** Per Quarter
- **** Per one way trip

ACTIVITY & STATISTICAL SUMMARY

	2011 Actual	2012 Budget	2013 Budget
Fixed Route Service			
Buses in Fleet	415	415	415
Buses Operated in Peak Service	341	324	333
Annual Bus Miles	17,107,116	17,239,145	17,257,347
Annual Bus Hours	1,298,645	1,299,862	1,309,315
Revenue Passengers	38,075,651	37,216,700	37,500,000
Cost per Mile	\$7.81	\$7.82	\$7.91
Cost per Revenue Passenger	\$3.51	\$3.62	\$3.64
Revenue per Revenue Passenger	\$1.10	\$1.11	\$1.11
Farebox Recovery Ratio	31.40%	30.69%	30.50%
Transit Plus			
Van Trips per Hour	1.99	2.00	2.00
Ridership	876,494	1,004,814	679,429
Cost per Ride	\$25.35	\$26.31	\$27.77

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 incurred and an authorization of payment in violation of this subsection is void. A county officer who knowingly violates this subsection is jointly and severally liable to the county for the full amount paid. A county employee who knowingly violates this subsection may be removed for cause."