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COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSIT

Wednesday, September 10, 2008 - 9:00 A.M.

Milwaukee County Courthouse – ROOM 203R

MINUTES

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

PRESENT: Supervisors Clark, Borkowski, Weishan, Jursik, Sanfelippo and Mayo (Chair)

EXCUSED: Supervisor Larson

Presentation - 1

1. 08-T14 A presentation from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) regarding reconstruction of the Zoo Interchange, Highway 45 and surrounding areas including the County Grounds. **(Informational unless otherwise directed by the Committee.)**

Appearances:

Donna Brown, Wisconsin DOT Zoo Interchange Project Director

Brad Heimlich, Forward 45

Emylnn Grisar, Wisconsin DOT Communications Manager

Ms. Brown gave an overview of the handout (copy attached to the original of these minutes). She explained how public meetings were held back in January, in addition to one-to-one public outreach meetings with over 100 groups. In May of 2008 the WisDOT held the first public information meeting. Approximately 500 attended and over 60 voiced their written concerns. The WisDOT held 4 neighborhood meetings in August. Work continues on west suburban traffic impact analysis with a final report available in October.

The WisDOT has identified five key elements for the Zoo Interchange. They include maintaining a major transportation link, improving safety and traffic operations, replace deteriorating pavement and bridges, addressing outdated design features and accommodate future volumes. To accommodate future traffic volumes the WisDOT will use projections from the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan done by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC). There are three alternative concepts that will be refined over the next two months. The study schedule for this project regarding issues on environment, agency coordination, public involvement and preliminary engineering continue through 2009. The construction will begin in 2012 and be completed by 2016.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

Mr. Heimlich talked about the three modernization alternatives. The alternatives configure core interchanges with right only on/off ramps in addition to improving traffic with a possibility for a fourth lane. The areas contained in this project are from Lincoln Avenue to Burleigh Avenue and from 70th Street to 124th Street. Arterial road traffic/flow will be considered for all the major city roads. The other two alternatives involved changes or reconfiguring to types of ramps and local traffic flow.

Ms. Grisar fielded questions regarding the reconstruction of I94 to the Illinois border.

A lengthy question and answer period ensued.

Supervisor Mayo requested the Wisconsin DOT provide copies of all three alternative maps for the full County Board.

The Committee took no action on this informational report.

Transportation and Public Works –1

2. 07-392 From the Director, Transportation and Public Works, requesting authorization to
(a)(a) execute a one-year extension of the existing Transit Management and Operations Agreement for the same terms and conditions with Milwaukee Transport Services, Inc., for the periods of January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

Appearances:

George Torres, Director, Transportation and Public Works
Anita Gulotta-Connelly, Managing Director, Milwaukee Transport Services
Lloyd Grant, Deputy Managing Director, Milwaukee Transport Services
County Board Chairman, Lee Holloway, District 5
The following registered to speak:
Jerry Papa, ATU 998
Gary Hamilton, Former Bus Operator
Brandon Jensen, Secretary/Treasurer ATU Local 998
Walter Unglaub, Retired Bus Operator
Gregory Powell, ATU Local 998 (wrote letter)

Mr. Torres stated that he is in support of the current management team. He has had great cooperation and input over the last two years while working with Milwaukee Transport Services (MTS).

Supervisor Mayo stressed this will be the last extension for this contract. Supervisor Clark pointed out the Department dropped the ball on this contract. It should have gone out for a request for proposals in late 2007 or early 2008.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

The majority of the speakers were opposed to the extension stating various safety issues and unsafe practices.

A lengthy discussion regarding safety issues, arbitration, public records and the overall extension of the contract ensued.

Supervisor Mayo requested the Department bring a report back for the October cycle to address the driver safety shield including costs.

Milwaukee County does not have any authority to remove management other than by not approving the contract. Mr. Torres stated his department is currently working on the request for proposals (RFP) for the transit services management contract. MTS is a privately held company. Milwaukee County is the only transit system in the country structured as it is. There are Federal Transit Administration regulations that must be met due to federal funding when issuing the RFP. He also noted, the contract for the management team carries forward no matter what company has the agreement.

MOTION BY: (Sanfelippo) AMEND the resolution by adding the following: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Department of Transportation and Public Works shall submit the request for proposals for transit services in 2009 for a five year contract similar to previous contracts between Milwaukee Transport Services, Inc., and Milwaukee County. **(Vote 6-0)**

AYES: Clark, Borkowski, Weishan, Jursik, Sanfelippo and Mayo (Chair) –6

NOES: - 0

EXCUSED: - Larson

Chairman Holloway gave a brief history of the current transport system. He also stressed that we need to proceed carefully with a new management contract. We need to ensure that the costs proposed remain constant for multiple years with a model we can rely on. The MTS team has done a good job with the cuts in funding and routes.

Supervisor Borkowski further requested the management team provide additional information for the October report on how they are handling the driver safety issues, the insufficient four-minute breaks, speeding from stop to stop and unrealistic route scheduling.

MOTION BY: (Borkowski) Approve an extension of the contract for six-months, and amend the BE IT RESOLVED clause to reflect the date change for six months from January 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009. **(Vote 4-2)**

AYES: Borkowski, Weishan, Jursik, and Sanfelippo – 4

NOES: - Clark and Mayo (Chair) - 2

EXCUSED: - Larson

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

MOTION BY: (Borkowski) Approve as amended **(Vote 4-2)**
AYES: Borkowski, Weishan, Jursik, and Sanfelippo – 4
NOES: - Clark and Mayo (Chair) - 2
EXCUSED: - Larson

Airport – 6

3. 08-314 From the Director, Transportation and Public Works, requesting authorization to declare parcels of land at 2100 and 2128 East Grange Avenue be declared surplus property in excess of Airport needs and authorize the Airport to begin the disposition for this sale to 128th Air Refueling Wing of the Wisconsin Air National Guard.

MOTION BY: (Clark) Approve. **(Vote 6-0)**
AYES: Clark, Borkowski, Weishan, Jursik, Sanfelippo and Mayo (Chair) – 6
NOES: - 0
EXCUSED: - Larson

4. 08-315 From the Director, Transportation and Public Works, requesting authorization to enter into a new agreement with Grede Transport, Inc., for the lease of a hangar at General Mitchell International Airport, commencing October 15, 2008 ending October 14, 2013 with one additional five-year renewal option.

Appearance:
Barry Bateman, Director, General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA)

Supervisor Clark made a motion for approval.

Mr. Bateman said the rates charged for hangars have been historically based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Supervisor Clark is acting Chair for the rest of this item.

Supervisor Sanfelippo feels we should not allow a rate decrease in a contract if the CPI goes down.

MOTION BY: (Sanfelippo) Amend resolutions on Item 4 line 52 and on Item 5 line 55 strike the words "or decrease". **(Vote 1-5)**
AYES: Sanfelippo - 1
NOES: - Mayo, Borkowski, Weishan, Jursik, and Clark (Chair) – 5
EXCUSED: - Larson
Motion failed.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

MOTION BY: (Clark) Approve items 4 and 5 together as recommended.
(Vote 5-1)

AYES: Mayo, Borkowski, Weishan, Jursik, and Clark (Chair) – 5

NOES: - Sanfelippo - 1

EXCUSED: - Larson

5. 08-316 From the Director, Transportation and Public Works, requesting authorization to enter into a new agreement with Marshall and Ilsley Corporation for the lease of a hangar at General Mitchell International Airport, commencing December 1, 2008 ending November 30, 2013 with one additional five-year renewal option.

See Item 4 for the Committee Actions.

6. 07-105 From the Director, Transportation and Public Works, requesting authorization to terminate airline agreement AC-1130 with Skyway Exclusive Airlines, Inc., terminate airline agreement AC-1494 with Skyway Preferential Airline Lease and terminate AC-1131 for the hydrant fuel system lease agreement between Milwaukee County and Skyway Airlines d/b/a Midwest Connect.
(a)(b)

Appearances:

Barry Bateman, Director, General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA)

Timothy Karaskiewicz, Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel

Mr. Bateman explained that Skyway Airlines, which was a subsidiary of Midwest Holdings is no longer an airline. Therefore, Milwaukee County's lease with them ceases to exist. According to Federal Aviation Administration rules, any space leased by an airline without a certificate must be relinquished. Midwest will assume portions of these leases as well as portions of the space that is relinquished.

Supervisor Jursik contacted the airport to request a corrected fiscal note to reflect the effect this change has on the airport.

Supervisor Mayo requested the Department submit a new fiscal note reflecting the fiscal changes between each airline and the overall effect prior to the County Board meeting on September 25, 2008.

The net sum of these changes for Skyway rental income is a reduction of \$707,000 Midwest rental income increases \$147,000 for a net decrease of \$560,000 in reduced rental income. Under the terms of the Airport airline lease agreement, any reduction in rental income gets rolled into and spread between the remaining airline leases without a loss to General Mitchell International Airport.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

Mr. Karaskiewicz spoke to the liability once an airline ceases to exist.

MOTION BY: (Jursik) Lay the item over until receiving the updated fiscal note.
(Vote 2-4)

AYES: Jursik and Sanfelippo - 2

NOES: - Clark, Borkowski, Weishan and Mayo (Chair) – 4

EXCUSED: - Larson

Motion Failed

MOTION BY: (Clark) Approve with the understanding that a new fiscal note is submitted before the County Board meeting. **(Vote 4-2)**

AYES: Clark, Borkowski, Weishan and Mayo (Chair) – 4

NOES: - Jursik and Sanfelippo - 2

EXCUSED: - Larson

7. 07-283 From the Director, Transportation and Public Works, requesting authorization to
(a)(c) amend language to the agreements with Host International, Inc., and SSP America, Inc., regarding the temporary suspension of the minimum annual guarantee if enplanements decline below certain levels on Concourse D.

Appearances:

Barry Bateman, Director, General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA)

Joe Waller, HMS Host

Vernon Bethea, Airport Food and Beverage

Mr. Bateman spoke to the singular concern of the concessionaires with the changes regarding Midwest Express on Concourse D. Midwest Airlines is 50% of the traffic at GMIA and is the sole airline of Concourse D. He does not see a significant reduction in passengers on the other concourses.

Mr. Waller spoke to the Committee to express his concerns regarding the possible reduction in enplanements throughout the airport. He would like the contract adjusted further to include Concourses C, E and the entire airport. Mr. Bethea added his consensus to include the entire airport.

Supervisor Clark made a motion to amend the resolution as follows: Line 64 should read, "decline below certain levels on Concourses C, D or E to read as follows." Additionally, on line 78 should read "2007 in the event total enplanements for General Mitchell International Airport are 15% lower for any 2 consecutive months than enplanements recorded in comparable months in calendar year 2007, then the minimum annual guarantee for concessions located in the pre-security areas shall be suspended." Line 84 should read "the number of enplanements on Concourses C, D or E." Thereafter Supervisor Weishan made a motion to refer the item back to staff, which takes precedent.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

Mr. Bateman feels that the majority of Midwest passengers will continue to use GMIA.

Supervisor Weishan stated that we should be cautious on rewriting the contract to include the entire airport without staff input. He later made a motion to refer the item back to staff.

Supervisor Sanfelippo noted that the request for proposals (RFP) did not guarantee minimum passenger traffic. Why should Milwaukee County change a binding contract? Vendors should consider all the risks when submitting their bids. Other vendors that did not get selected in the RFP process may have submitted bids to include these risks.

MOTION BY: (Weishan) Refer back to staff for a report back in October 2008.
(Vote 5-1)

AYES: Clark, Borkowski, Weishan, Sanfelippo and Mayo (Chair) –5

NOES: - Jursik - 1

EXCUSED: - Larson

8. 08-317 From the Director, Transportation and Public Works, requesting authorization to modify Milwaukee County General Ordinance 4.03 (3) regarding prior permission requirement for jet aircraft to operate at Lawrence J. Timmerman Airport.

Appearances:

Barry Bateman, Director, General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA)

John Lotzer, Gran Aire, Inc., spoke in favor of ordinance change

Mr. Bateman told the Committee that both Supervisors Thomas and De Bruin have been notified and agreed to the change in the ordinance. If there were complaints with this change, Supervisor De Bruin would request the Department come back to the Committee.

MOTION BY: (Weishan) Approve. **(Vote 5-1-0)**

AYES: Clark, Borkowski, Weishan, Sanfelippo and Mayo (Chair) –5

ABSENT: Jursik - 1

NOES: - 0

EXCUSED: - Larson

Fund Transfers

9. 08-1 A summary of fund transfers being presented to the Finance and Audit Committee.
(Informational unless otherwise directed by the Committee.)

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

The Committee took no action on this item.

10. 08-323 From the Director, Community Business Development Partners, requesting authorization to submit the annual Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goals retroactive to August 1, 2008 for the United States Department of Transportation assisted projects, to both the Federal Aviation Administration and the Federal Transit Administration for anticipated contracts for 2009. **(Also to the Committee on Economic and Community Development)**

Appearance:

Freida Webb, Director, Community Business Development Partners

Supervisor Clark acting as Chair.

Supervisor Mayo questioned the percentages for procurement requirements. Ms. Webb explained that this pertains to buses for Transit and there are no national Disadvantaged Business Enterprises available.

Supervisor Mayo requested a report back for the October cycle on the role of procurement, what are the goals of procurement, what are some things they procure, not only buses but also for the airport, highway and transit.

MOTION BY: (Mayo) Approve. (Vote 5-1-0)

AYES: Mayo, Borkowski, Weishan, Sanfelippo and Clark (Chair) –5

ABSENT: Jursik - 1

NOES: - 0

EXCUSED: - Larson

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, are available in the County Board Committee Services Division.

Length of meeting: 9:00 a.m. until approximately 11:55 a.m.

Carol Mueller
Committee Clerk

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

Staff Present:

Supervisor Lynne De Bruin, District 15

Mr. George Torres, Director, Transportation, Public Works

Ms. Anita Gulotta-Connelly, Managing Director, Milwaukee Transport Services

Mr. Lloyd Grant, Deputy Managing Director, Milwaukee Transport Services

Mr. Barry Bateman, Director, General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA)

Mr. Timothy Karaskiewicz, Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel

County Board Chairman, Lee Holloway, District 5

Ms. Julie Esch, County Board Research Analyst

Ms. Freida Webb, Director, Community Business Development Partners

DEADLINE FOR TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSIT COMMITTEE

The next regular meeting for the Transportation Committee is **October 22, 2008.**

Items for the agenda must be in the Committee Clerk's possession by the end of the business day on Tuesday, October 7, 2008.

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