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\$30 Vehicle Registration Fee (Wheel Tax)

- The original VRF was \$60 and was initially proposed by County Executive Chris Abele to help aid in the draining transit budget.
- On a 10 –7 vote, the Board approved the VRF of \$30; the seven supervisors who voted no were: Deanna Alexander, Eddie Cullen, Michael Mayo Sr., Dan Sebring, Anthony Staskunas, Steve Taylor and John Weishan.

GO Pass News

Currently the GO Pass is a free bus fare program for the disabled and residents 65 years and older. Effective in 2017, a \$5 fee will be charged for GO Pass applicants as well as a \$1.00 day—pass fare.

BRT– BUS RAPID TRANSIT

An appropriation of \$21,225,000 is budgeted for the development, design and construction of a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. Financing is provided from \$1,968,487 in vehicle registration fee revenue, \$1,256,513 in general obligation bonds, and \$18,000,000 in Federal Section 5309 Small Starts funds. For 2018, the remaining appropriation of \$22,500,000 will be provided, offset with \$18,000,000 in federal revenue, and \$4,500,000 in local match financing.

2017-2018 Sub-Project Addresses the following item/issue:

In order to make application to the Federal Transit Administration’s (FTA) Small Starts Grant Program, Milwaukee County must demonstrate that it is committed to the project by committing local funds for the anticipated overall project cost. The Milwaukee County Department of Transportation, along with its consulting partners, have estimated the total project construction cost to be \$45,000,000 during the feasibility study phase.

The appropriation of \$43,775,000 is being requested with the consideration of eventually including the previously authorized \$1,275,000 for transit signal priority as part of the local match requirement. The Department of Transportation anticipates 80% (\$36,000,000) of the \$45,000,000 total construction project cost would be provided by Federal FTA Small Starts Grant funding. The local share of \$9,000,000 would be reduced by \$1,275,000 for a total local amount of \$7,775,000.



Supervisor Sebring speaking in favor of the Secure Pathways program.

With October being Domestic Violence Awareness month, Supervisor Deanna Alexander of the 18th District, created Secure Pathways. It is an important piece of Legislation that bridges the disconnect between citizens who are victims of domestic abuse and government find a safe way home instead of being shuttled from one shelter to another, or the worst outcome, going back to their abusers. It is a program that will allow that mother or father with children to get to safe housing at a relative’s in another county or state instead of the bus ticket that shelters and agencies can currently provide for a trip around the city. It allows these shelters and agencies to purchase that Greyhound bus ticket or that airline ticket so that these survivors can be free from harm and start to heal!

“The mystery of government is not understanding how it works but how to make it stop...” — Ronald Reagan

DISTRICT 11 HAPPENINGS

Milwaukee County FREE Days

Milwaukee Art Museum: Free the first Friday of every month

Milwaukee Public Museum: Free the first Thursday of every month

Mitchell Park Domes: Free on Mondays from 9:00 AM to Noon

Milwaukee County Zoo: 2016 Free Days left are December 3 but also Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day

Milwaukee County Sports Complex Upcoming Event

Craft Relic: Sat, Nov 12 and Sun, Nov 13

It's a two-day indoor ticketed shopping and entertainment event open to the public located at

6000 West Ryan Road, Franklin WI 5313 from 10:00 Am to 4:00 PM

<http://www.eventcrazy.com/Franklin-WI/events/details/641201-Craft-and-Relic>



PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT CARD

Program Highlights:

- There is no need to enroll, the card is valid immediately
- The discount card is valid for prescriptions not covered by insurance
- Each prescription has a different discount, average savings is 20%
- Any Milwaukee County resident is eligible to use these discount cards
- This plan is not insurance it is a discount (like a coupon) for prescriptions
- The card may only be used at participating pharmacies

This list is subject to change, but currently includes, but is not limited to:

- Walgreens
- Froedtert Pharmacy
- Covenant Pharmacies
- Aurora Pharmacies
- Serv-u Pharmacies
- Target Pharmacies
- Kmart Pharmacies
- Wal-Mart/Sam's Club Pharmacies
- Osco Drugs

<http://county.milwaukee.gov/NACODrugDiscountProg16747.htm>