



# *Milwaukee County*

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### **THE TRUTH ABOUT SCOTT WALKER'S TRANSIT BUDGET**

**Milwaukee, WI** – Milwaukee County Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic released the following statement regarding the transit budget included in County Executive Scott Walker's 2011 Recommended Budget:

“For many years, the County Executive has raised bus fares and cut routes in his annual budget proposals. Don't believe his rhetoric this year; his 2011 budget proposal is no different. In fact, his transit cuts, if adopted, would result in approximately 500,000 fewer rides in 2011. More people will be out of work simply because they 'can't get there from here.' I am not going to just sit by while our already damaged transit system endures yet another severe blow.

“To make things even worse, the County Executive has balanced his transit budget with \$2 million in anticipated revenue from a bus video program based on a Supervisor's request for information on an idea in Committee. Using phantom revenue is irresponsible and regressive.

“I have attended all of this week's budget hearings, and the one thing that many of us can agree on is that we have been given an impossible budget to fix. Instead of hiding behind his dream of cutting wages and benefits to balance a budget, the County Executive should tell the public which services need to be cut after his unachievable concessions are blocked through arbitration or litigation.

“We need a responsible budget. It is already October and we have not yet realized the full savings from the wage and benefit changes sought for 2010. Meanwhile, this year's deficit continues to grow, and the County Executive will wait until November 3<sup>rd</sup> to take action.”

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