

ENROLLED ORDINANCE 180-15

ELIMINATION OF WAUKESHA COUNTY TRANSIT ROUTE 904 AND 905 SERVICE
EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

WHEREAS, Waukesha County provides contracted bus services to address the mass transit needs of employers and employees commuting between Waukesha County and neighboring counties; and

WHEREAS, the Waukesha County Transit System is administered by the City of Waukesha (Waukesha Metro) and funded with a combination of Waukesha County tax levy and revenues from the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the Federal Transit Administration and farebox fees from riders; and

WHEREAS, the Waukesha County Transit System includes Route 904 and 905, which is a commuter service that runs weekdays from Park & Ride locations in Oconomowoc, Delafield and Pewaukee to the downtown Milwaukee business district with some service connecting to University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee campus; and

WHEREAS, Waukesha County reviews and makes changes to transit routes based on ridership levels, efficiency and cost trends; and

WHEREAS, ridership efficiency on Route 904 and 905 has decreased to an average of less than three passengers per hour in 2024 and operating cost per ride has increased to \$68.70; and

WHEREAS, Waukesha Metro administers this route on Waukesha County's behalf through a contract with Wisconsin Transit Lines LLC.; and

WHEREAS, the current contract for this route is through May 31, 2028, but has a provision that service can be terminated at any time; and

WHEREAS, current riders may use Waukesha Metro/Waukesha County Route 1 connecting to the Milwaukee County Transit System Connect 1 as an alternate transit solution to the downtown Milwaukee business district;

THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF WAUKESHA ORDAINS that the contract with Wisconsin Transit Lines LLC for Route 904 and 905 service will be discontinued as of September 27, 2025.


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Presented by:
Public Works Committee


Keith Hammitt, Chair


James Batzko


Robert L. Kolb


Chris Mommaerts


Thomas J. Schellinger

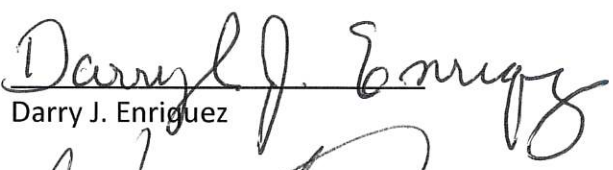

Steve Styza


Terry Thieme

Approved by:
Finance Committee


Gary J. Szpara, Chair


Timothy Dondlinger


Darryl J. Enriquez


Wayne Euclide

Absent


Joel R. Gaughan


Darlene M. Johnson

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

Date: 06-27-2025



Margaret Wartman, County Clerk

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

Approved: X

Vetoed: _____


Date: 6/30/25


Paul Farrow, County Executive

FISCAL NOTE
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This ordinance would terminate Routes 904 and 905 effective 09/27/2025. Transit route expenses are managed on a gross basis by the county's contracted administrator (Waukesha Metro) and the county is billed for the net costs after applying state/federal reimbursements and farebox revenue. The gross cost of this route is budgeted at approximately \$787,000, with a net county share of approximately \$295,500 (about \$73,900 for a partial year).

Per the contract with Wisconsin Coach Lines, Inc., the county is able to terminate before the end date by giving written notice to the company. The elimination of the route is also not expected to have a major levy impact because the department has been funding a large portion of the county's share of net transit system costs with pandemic era federal funding (\$533,000 in the 2025 budget) that was intended to help support transit systems when ridership trends decreased. This funding expires by March 30, 2029, and cost reductions from this route elimination will allow the department to reduce its reliance on these temporary revenues.



William Duckwitz
Budget Manager
6/3/2025
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VOTE RESULTS

22 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTAIN 3 ABSENT

Ordinance 180-O-015

Elimination Of Waukesha County Transit Route 904 And 905 Service Effective September 27, 2025

✓ Passed By Majority Vote

D1 - Styza	AYE	D10 - Thieme	S	AYE	D19 - Enriquez	AYE
D2 - Euclide	AYE	D11 - Howard	AYE	AYE	D20 - Schellinger	AYE
D3 - Vacant	ABSENT	D12 - Wolff	AYE	AYE	D21 - Gaughan	AYE
D4 - Batzko	AYE	D13 - Leisemann	ABSENT	AYE	D22 - Szpara	AYE
D5 - Dondlinger	AYE	D14 - Mommaerts	AYE	AYE	D23 - Hammitt	M AYE
D6 - Walz	AYE	D15 - Kolb	AYE	AYE	D24 - Schroeder	AYE
D7 - LaFontain	AYE	D16 - Crowley	AYE	AYE	D25 - Johnson	AYE
D8 - Koremenos	ABSENT	D17 - Meier	AYE	AYE		
D9 - Heinrich	AYE	D18 - Nelson	AYE	AYE		

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