

ENROLLED ORDINANCE 179-68

ELIMINATION OF WAUKESHA COUNTY TRANSIT ROUTE 901 SERVICE EFFECTIVE
JUNE 2, 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 901, which is a commuter service that runs weekdays from the Waukesha Metro Transit Center 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 901 has decreased to an average two passengers per hour in 2024; 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 Routes 904, 905 or Waukesha Metro/Waukesha County Route 1 and the Milwaukee County Transit System Connect 1 as alternate transit solutions.

THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF WAUKESHA ORDAINS that the contract with Wisconsin Transit Lines LLC for Route 901 service will be discontinued as of June 2, 2025.


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Presented by:
Public Works Committee

Approved by:
Finance Committee

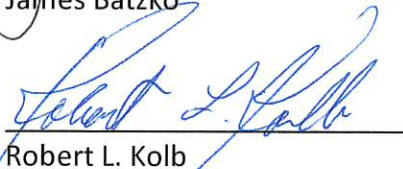
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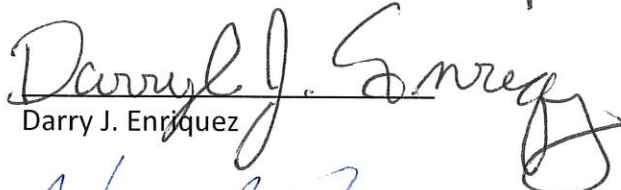
Keith Hammitt, Chair


Gary J. Szpara, Chair

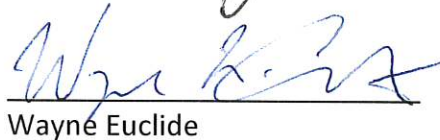

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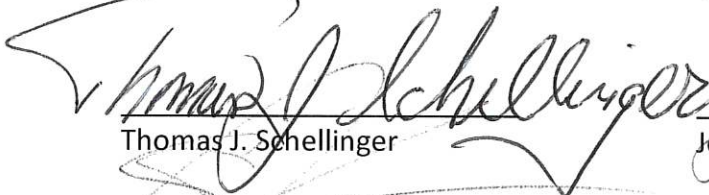

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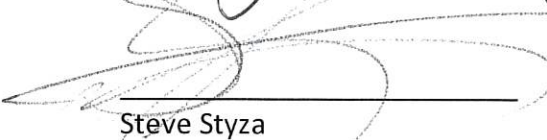

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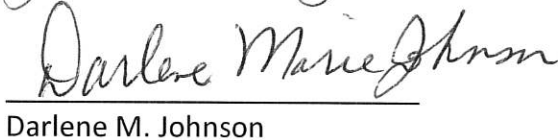

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Wayne Euclide

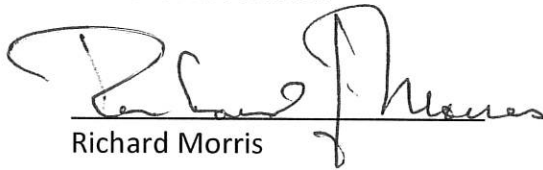

Thomas J. Schellinger


Joel R. Gaughan


Steve Styza


Darlene M. Johnson


Terry Thieme


Richard Morris

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

Date: 1/31/25  Deputy
Margaret Wartman, County Clerk

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

Approved: X
Vetoed: _____

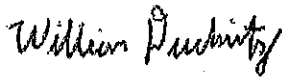
Date: 2/3/25 
Paul Farrow, County Executive

FISCAL NOTE

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This ordinance would terminate Route 901 service effective 06/02/2025. 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 \$405,000, with a net county share of approximately \$152,300 (\$89,000 for a partial year).

The firm that provides this route also provides the commuter services routes 904 and 905. Per the contract, the county is required to renegotiate rates when service levels, such as the elimination of route 901, occur. These renegotiations are expected to result in higher costs for route 904 and 905 that will partially offset the elimination of route 901. The elimination of the route is also not expected to have a levy impact because the department has been funding 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 marginally reduce its reliance on these temporary revenues.



William Duckwitz
Budget Manager
1/8/2025
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VOTE RESULTS >

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YES

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NO

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ABSTAIN

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ABSENT

Ordinance 179-O-072

Ordinance 179-O-072: Elimination Of Waukesha County Transit Route 901 Service Effective June 2,

Passed By Majority Vote

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

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January 28, 2025

