Supervisor Shea Opposes South Shore Bus Route Cuts

MILWAUKEE – County Supervisor Steven Shea expressed his opposition to proposed cuts to bus routes that would impact those traveling to or from the South Shore, in a statement released Tuesday.

"The route cuts proposed by MCTS will hurt students, educators, older adults, and people with disabilities who rely on a Milwaukee County bus to get them where they need to go every day. Milwaukee County residents deserve a healthy public transit system that provides equitable access to jobs, education, and health care, and empowers our citizens to be independent. Successful modern transit systems lift barriers to opportunity; they don't impose them based on geographic boundaries," said Supervisor Shea.

MCTS has recommended the following cuts overall: Six Freeway Flyer routes - 40, 43, 44, 46, 48, 49; Four UBUS Routes - 40U, 42U, 44U, 49U; Five Shuttles - 17, 137, 219, 223, 276; Route 52 Clement - 15th Avenue; Route 55 Layton Avenue would no longer have service west of S. 76th Street; and Route 80 6th Street would no longer have service south of MATC South Campus.

The County Executive will weigh these recommendations and the concerns of constituents before submitting his budget proposal to the Board of Supervisors, which is due no later than October 1.

Supervisor Shea [launched a petition](#) opposing the MCTS cuts to routes that provide service to and from the South Shore. He encourages constituents who support a healthy transit system to sign it and weigh in as the County Executive decides what cuts to recommend for next year's budget.

Supervisor Shea is also urging residents to attend tonight's budget open house with County Executive Abele at Kosciuszko Community Center 2201 S. 7th St., Milwaukee, WI 53215.

Supervisor Shea called on transit supporters to speak up for a healthy transit system that maximizes mobility for all instead of singling out certain regions and neighborhoods for cuts.

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