City of Milwaukee

Equity Impact Statement

1. Describe the proposed ordinance or resolution. File number: _____

2023 Wisconsin Act 12 creates 62.90(4)(a) ,Wis. Stats., which prohibits the use of tax levy funding for the development, operation or maintenance of the Milwaukee Streetcar.

2. Identify the anticipated equity impacts, if any, of this proposal.

If the City is prohibited from using the tax levy to fund the operation of the streetcar, service on the existing line may need to be terminated.
Terminating or significantly altering the operation of the Milwaukee Streetcar could have significant financial consequences. Based on the provisions of the Master Agreement between the City and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the City of Milwaukee would likely be obligated to repay the federal interest in The Hop streetcar system. It is also likely that the City would have to remove the operation and maintenance facility that was built on N. 4th Street.
The amount of the repayment demand would depend on the timing and the specific circumstances of the service interruption and would likely be determined by the federal government after operation

3. Identify which minority groups, if any, may be negatively or positively impacted by the proposal.

Unknown at this time.

The affected minority groups can't be identified until City service cuts related to any grant repayment obligations are identified.

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4. Describe any engagement efforts with minority communities potentially impacted by the proposal.

This is a new, state-mandated effort, not a City-led proposal, therefore there has been no organized engagement of minority communities to date.

5. Describe how any anticipated equity impacts of the proposal will be documented or evaluated.

The City could document the amount of any grant repayment obligations or fines arising from inadequate operation and maintenance of the existing streetcar line.

The City could document the municipal service cuts which may be required to facilitate grant repayment obligations.

6. Describe strategies that will be used, if any, to mitigate any anticipated equity impacts.

The City could increase parking fees to provide enough non-tax-levy funding in the Transportation Fund to ensure the required operation and maintenance of the existing streetcar line.
The City could seek additional sponsorship revenue to offset operational costs.

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