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(ITEM) From the Director, Department of Transportation, requesting authorization to create a new bus route between Milwaukee and the New Berlin Industrial Park (Route 6-New Berlin Industrial Park Express), by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in March 2012, the Federal Highway Administration approved of the Zoo Interchange Reconstruction and Expansion Project at a projected cost of \$1.7 billion; and

WHEREAS, in August 2012, the American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin and Midwest Environmental Advocates filed a lawsuit against federal transportation agencies and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) on behalf of Milwaukee Inner-City Congregations Allied for Hope (MICAH) and the Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin (BHC) for inadequately addressing the needs of persons who rely on transit within the scope of the \$1.7 billion project; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County was not a party to the lawsuit, but the settlement agreement between WisDOT and the plaintiffs makes \$2.875 million available to the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) annually from 2014 to 2018 for new local or express routes or extensions of existing transit services from Milwaukee to locations within western, northwestern, or southwestern Milwaukee County or within Waukesha and Washington Counties; and

WHEREAS, the agreement also makes \$500,000 available annually for marketing/support; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) and MCTS have worked with WisDOT and the plaintiffs to identify transit expansion opportunities within the project area that have the potential to reduce existing transit travel times and serve areas with high job concentrations; and

WHEREAS, during the May 2014 Committee and Board meeting cycle, approval was obtained by MCTS to initiate a new route between Milwaukee and the Menomonee Falls Industrial Park (Route 279); and

WHEREAS, at that time, the multi-year contract between WisDOT and MCTS was also approved and a fiscal note completed; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Transit System is seeking approval of a new bus route from Milwaukee to the New Berlin Industrial Park (Route 6), and the cost of

44 the route and related marketing costs associated with the Zoo Interchange settlement with
45 the plaintiffs will be fully offset by revenues from the settlement agreement.

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