

From the Interim Director, Department of Transportation, the Transportation Engineering Director, Department of Transportation, and the President and CEO, Milwaukee County Transit System, requesting retroactive authorization to apply for funding under the Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ), the Surface Transportation Urban Program (STP-U), and the Local Bridge Program, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) will need multiple new vehicle purchases in the coming years to maintain safe and dependable operations for system users; and

WHEREAS, MCTS seeks to educate the general public on benefits and services provided by using the transit system; and

WHEREAS, MCTS seeks to improve transit system service by optimizing traffic signals along various routes; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Services Division, Department of Transportation, has identified a need to rehabilitate multiple roadways and bridges throughout Milwaukee County; and

WHEREAS, the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program, Surface Transportation Program, and Local Bridge Program (the Programs) can assist in the financing of bus replacements, as well as roadway and bridge rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, grant awards under the Programs require a minimum 20 percent local match; and

WHEREAS, per Section 56.06, Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances, authorization is required from the appropriate Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors Standing Committee prior to applying for discretionary Federal or State of Wisconsin grants that require a local match; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation and Transit, at its meeting of December 3, 2025, recommended adoption of File No. 25-748 (vote 5-0); and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of December 11, 2025, recommended adoption of File No. 25-748 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Interim Director, Department of Transportation (DOT), is hereby retroactively authorized to apply for, and accept if awarded, funding under the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ), Surface Transportation Program - Urban (STP-U), and the Local Bridge Program (LBP) to aid in the financing of the Milwaukee County Transit System bus replacement program, public outreach, traffic signal optimization, and the rehabilitation of various roads and bridges throughout Milwaukee County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DOT will request formal Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approval of the 20-percent local match, should any funding be awarded under the CMAQ, STP-U, or LBP programs, by inclusion of said funding requests in the year-appropriate operating and/or capital budget or via fund transfer.

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