

1 Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr., Chairperson,
2 From the Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit, reporting on:

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4 File No. 15-187

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6 (ITEM) A resolution/ordinance by Supervisor Mayo, Sr., creating the Transit
7 Security Task Force to develop strategies to bolster awareness and compliance with
8 state statutes, Milwaukee County Code of Ordinances, and municipal laws that ban
9 misconduct at bus stops, on buses, or in connection with fare media produced by the
10 Milwaukee County Transit System, reinforcing Milwaukee County's commitment to a
11 safe and accessible transit system, and an ordinance creating Section 63.0675 of the
12 Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances relative to Law Enforcement Fare
13 Exemption by recommending adoption of the following:

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15 **A RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE**

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17 WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) anticipates serving
18 more than 44 million passengers in 2015; and

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20 WHEREAS, due to the high volume of riders, it is inevitable that incidents of
21 misconduct will occasionally occur, potentially endangering bus operators and
22 passengers; and

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24 WHEREAS, between 2011 and 2014, MCTS logged an average of 3,905 security
25 calls annually; and

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27 WHEREAS, few security calls result in the perpetrators of disorderly conduct or
28 fare evasion being issued citations for violating existing state statutes and/or Milwaukee
29 municipal ordinances prohibiting such misconduct; and

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31 WHEREAS, due to limited resources, the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office
32 stopped providing regular security services to MCTS in the early 1990s; and

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34 WHEREAS, MCTS contracts for security services, but the legal authority of
35 private security personnel is limited in comparison to sworn officers of the law; and

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37 WHEREAS, the presence of law enforcement officers, whether or not they are on
38 duty, provides additional safety and security for MCTS passengers and bus operators;
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41 WHEREAS, it is the mission of MCTS to provide reliable, convenient, and safe
42 public transportation services; now, therefore,

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44 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board)
45 hereby creates the Transit Security Task Force (Task Force) to develop strategies to
46 bolster awareness and compliance with state statutes, the Milwaukee County Code of

47 General Ordinances, and municipal laws that ban misconduct at bus stops, on buses, or
48 in connection with fare media produced by the Milwaukee County Transit System
49 (MCTS); and
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51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Task Force shall be coordinated by a
52 representative of the Milwaukee County Department of Transportation and shall be
53 comprised of additional members from the following entities: MCTS, MCTS's security
54 vendor, Milwaukee County Office of the Sheriff, Amalgamated Transit Union Local 998,
55 Milwaukee Police Department, and an elected member of the County Board; and
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57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, additional members may be included with a
58 majority vote of the Task Force members; and
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60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Task Force shall meet, at least semi-annually
61 to address, at a minimum, the following types of misconduct: fare evasion, disorderly
62 conduct, and counterfeiting and reselling of bus fare; and
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64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, after each meeting, the Task Force shall deliver a
65 report to the County Board regarding MCTS security and, if necessary, request the
66 implementation of certain security measures that require County Board approval; and
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68 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
69 amends Chapter 63 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances by adopting
70 the following:
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72 **AN ORDINANCE**
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74 The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Milwaukee does ordain as follows:
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76 **Section 1.** Section 63.0675 of the General Ordinances of Milwaukee County is created
77 as follows:
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79 **63.0675 – Law Enforcement Fare Exemption**
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81 It shall be the policy of Milwaukee County to exempt sworn law enforcement officers in
82 Milwaukee County and all municipal police agencies operating within Milwaukee County
83 from county transit system fares if officers present department-issued photo
84 identification and badge to the bus operator. If participating officers are found to be out
85 of compliance with this policy, they will be asked to pay the appropriate fare.
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