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From the Director, Department of Transportation recommending approval of not-to-exceed rates for freeway towing services effective January 1, 2023, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, freeway towing is governed generally by Section 349.13(4), Wisconsin State Statutes, within this overall statutory framework, freeway towing within Milwaukee County (the County) is governed by Section 23 Appendix C of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances (the Code); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Code, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) shall establish not-to-exceed rates governing freeway towing services, which shall be included as a mandatory contract specification; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation (DOT), in conjunction with the Procurement Division, Department of Administrative Services, sought proposals from interested vendors to provide freeway towing services, and by a separate resolution, is requesting County Board approval of freeway towing services contracts beginning January 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the not-to-exceed rates that qualified contracted vendors will be allowed to charge for freeway towing services provided to the traveling public must be approved simultaneously; and

WHEREAS, the current rates have been in place since June of 2016 and are requested to be increased, which ensures that the County attracts sufficient competition by allowing towers to charge competitive rates as, well as cover the County’s cost for ongoing program oversight and administration; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rates are based upon market research conducted by DOT during June 2022, and reflect fees charged by a variety of towing vendors, including current and prospective vendors for services provided to municipalities throughout the County, as well as other industry rates for towing equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation and Transit, at its meeting of November 29, 2022, recommended adoption of File No. 22-1127 (vote 4-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the not-to-exceed rates for freeway towing services effective January 1, 2023, as attached to the file herein.

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