

1 By Supervisor Mayo
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4 **A RESOLUTION**

5 Urging the State of Wisconsin to Adopt Senate Joint Resolution 4 to require that the
6 revenues generated by the state transportation system be deposited into a
7 transportation fund and requiring the legislature to create such a fund and a department
8 of transportation
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10 WHEREAS, Wisconsin's transportation infrastructure is a fundamental
11 component of its ability to attract and retain business and produce jobs; and

12 WHEREAS, gas tax and vehicle registration fees comprise over 85% of the
13 state's segregated transportation account although revenues from these two fees have
14 been declining and are insufficient to meet the transportation needs in this state; and

15 WHEREAS, Wisconsin's past practice of replacing the dollars transferred from
16 the state's segregated transportation fund with general obligation (GO) bonds in the
17 undesirable position of bonding to fund ongoing operations; and

18 WHEREAS, the debt service for these bonds is being paid out of the state's
19 general fund which hinders its ability to fund other programs like Shared Revenue,
20 Youth Aids, Community Aids and Circuit Court Operations which greatly impact
21 Milwaukee County; and

22 WHEREAS, fifty-three counties in the fall of 2010 placed an advisory referendum
23 on the ballot asking "Should the Wisconsin Constitution be amended to prohibit any
24 further transfers or lapses from the segregated transportation fund?", with more than
25 70% of the voters across the state voting in support; and

26 WHEREAS, if the legislation is approved for a second consecutive session of the
27 Legislature, Wisconsin voters would have an opportunity to vote in 2014 on this
28 proposed constitutional amendment; and

29 WHEREAS, Senate Joint Resolution 4 would amend the Wisconsin State
30 Constitution, subject to voter approval, to require that the revenues generated by the
31 state transportation system be deposited into a transportation fund and require the
32 legislature to create such a fund and a department of transportation; and

33 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County relies on funding from the segregated
34 transportation fund for public transit assistance, highway maintenance, expressway
35 patrols and other critical transportation funding needs; now, therefore,
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37 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
38 supports the passage of 2013 Senate Joint Resolution 4 to require that the revenues
39 generated by the state transportation system be deposited into a transportation fund
40 and requiring the legislature to create such a fund and a department of transportation;
41 and

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Intergovernmental Relations is
43 authorized and directed to communicate the contents of this resolution to State
44 policymakers and others to help ensure its passage.