

MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: July 15, 2015

AMENDMENT NO. 1 to Item #FPA File No. 15-526

Resolution File No. 15-526

Ordinance File No.

COMMITTEE: Finance, Personnel and Audit

OFFERED BY SUPERVISOR(S): Staskunas

Delete lines 48 through 78 as follows:

~~Transit Signal Priorities~~

~~WHEREAS, Milwaukee County operates the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) through the contract with Milwaukee Transport Services, Inc. (MTS), a quasi-governmental entity that provides essential transportation services to the community; and~~

~~WHEREAS, there are increasingly more opportunities to enhance the speed, efficiency, and desirability of public transit on high-use routes; and~~

~~WHEREAS, MTS operates more than 50 routes, including numerous routes on the Wisconsin Avenue corridor such as the Gold Line from the UWM campus, the 30 and 30X from Sherman Boulevard, and the 31 from State Street to Highland Avenue; and~~

~~WHEREAS, Transit Signal Priority equips buses and traffic signals with devices that grant priority as they approach, often producing 5 to 10 percent reductions in bus travel times; and~~

~~WHEREAS, the City of Milwaukee has already installed this technology in some of its traffic signals, including the stretch along Wisconsin Avenue; and~~

~~WHEREAS, according to a March 2015 report from the Public Policy Forum¹, MTS is planning on using Transit Signal Priority in the future on a short stretch of Wisconsin Avenue; and~~

¹ *Picking Up The Pace: An analysis of best practices for improving bus speeds and their potential applicability to Milwaukee.* Public Policy Forum, March 2015.

~~WHEREAS, Milwaukee County should utilize this technology and provide resources to implement Traffic Signal Priority and to obtain expert advice on how to position MCTS to supplement non-tax levy funding for additional bus service enhancements in the future, especially as expressway reconstruction continues in the Milwaukee area; and~~

Amend or delete lines 131 through 151 as follows

WHEREAS, while the budget surpluses are a positive development for addressing Milwaukee County's overall financial position and future budget challenges, it is also important to reinvest a portion of the funds into areas that will strengthen the ~~Transit System~~, Parks, and the employees that help to provide these programs and services; now, therefore,

~~Transit Signal Priorities~~

~~BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board hereby authorizes the Department of Administrative Services – Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget, to process an appropriation transfer to allocate \$1.5 million from the Debt Service Reserve (Org. 9960) to designated Capital Improvement accounts to implement Transit Signal Priority along the Wisconsin Avenue corridor from Downtown Milwaukee to the Medical Complex in Wauwatosa; and~~

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the monies appropriated for Transit Signal Priority shall be held in an allocated contingency within the Capital Improvement budget, and shall require County Board approval for its use pending a report from the Director of Transportation and/or the Director of Milwaukee Transport Services as to the specific plan on how the funds will be spent for Traffic Signal Priority equipment, and any related costs to improve service along the critical Wisconsin Avenue corridor; and~~