(ITEM ) From the Director, Department of Transportation, requesting authorization to enter into Contract No. 3 with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation in the amount of \$3,375,000, for eligible transit services as part of the Milwaukee County Zoo Interchange Project for the period effective July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, by recommending adoption of the following:

## A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin and Midwest Environmental Advocates filed a lawsuit against Federal transportation agencies and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) in 2012 on behalf of Milwaukee Inner City Congregations Allied for Hope and the Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin for inadequately addressing needs of persons who rely on transit within the scope of the \$1.7 billion Milwaukee County Zoo Interchange Project; and

 WHEREAS, a settlement between WisDOT and the plaintiffs specified that \$2.875 million annually would be available for eligible services from July 2014 to September 2018, as well as \$500,000 in marketing; and

WHEREAS, three bus routes were started with the settlement funds including Route 6 (New Berlin Industrial Park Express), Route 279 (Menomonee Falls Industrial Park Express), and Route 61 (Appleton-Keefe); and

WHEREAS, the settlement funds are disbursed through annual contracts; and

 WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit, at its meeting of May 11, 2016, recommended adoption of the Director's request (vote 5-0) but the recommendation is most under Section 59.52(31)(d), Wisconsin Statutes, which states that only the County Board's Finance Committee has jurisdiction over contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, Personnel, and Audit, at its meeting of May 19, 2016, recommended adoption of the Director's request (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Department of Transportation is hereby authorized to enter into Contract No. 3 with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for eligible transit services from July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017, as part of the Milwaukee County Zoo Interchange Project.

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