

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. 15-755  
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6 (ITEM ) A resolution by Supervisor Mayo, Sr., authorizing the Director,  
7 Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the Milwaukee County Transit System  
8 (MCTS) to reallocate \$225,000 of the \$1.5 million appropriated from the Capital  
9 Improvement Budget to implement Transit Signal Priority along the Wisconsin Avenue  
10 Corridor from Downtown Milwaukee to the Medical Complex in Wauwatosa, to conduct  
11 or supplement a study related to planning for Bus Rapid Transit for MCTS, by  
12 recommending adoption of the following:

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14 **AN AMENDED RESOLUTION**  
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16 WHEREAS, Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) utilizes numerous bus system  
17 improvements to yield an ideal level of bus service, which improves the speed,  
18 reliability, and accessibility of service; and  
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20 WHEREAS, BRT provides potential broader benefits to communities beyond  
21 speed and efficiency, such as increased ridership and increased economic development  
22 in areas near BRT stations; and  
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24 WHEREAS, numerous United States metropolitan areas have introduced BRT or  
25 elements of BRT, including Cleveland, Los Angeles, Seattle, and Pittsburgh; and  
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27 WHEREAS, Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) are a core feature of BRT  
28 as defined by the Federal Transit Administration; and  
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30 WHEREAS, Transit Signal Priority is a central strategy of ITS, which uses  
31 technology to enable buses to travel faster by extending green lights and shortening red  
32 lights at intersections; and  
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34 WHEREAS, on July 30, 2015, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
35 appropriated \$1.5 million to implement Transit Signal Priority along the Wisconsin  
36 Avenue corridor from Downtown Milwaukee to the Medical Complex in Wauwatosa,  
37 Wisconsin, adopted in File Number 15-526; and  
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39 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County Transit System is currently preparing a multi-step  
40 process for Transit Signal Priority planning; and  
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42 WHEREAS, a September 2015 report from the Director, Department of  
43 Transportation, discusses the potential operational and fiscal benefits of developing  
44 Transit Signal Priority in tandem with a BRT project from Downtown Milwaukee to the  
45 Medical Complex in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin; and  
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47 WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit, at its  
48 meeting of December 2, 2015, recommended adoption of the Director's request  
49 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

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51 BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Transportation, in conjunction  
52 with the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) is authorized to use \$225,000 of the  
53 \$1.5 million appropriated to implement Transit Signal Priority along the Wisconsin  
54 Avenue corridor from Downtown Milwaukee to the Medical Complex in Wauwatosa,  
55 Wisconsin, to conduct or supplement a study related to planning for Bus Rapid Transit  
56 for MCTS: ; and

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58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Administrative Services, working  
59 in conjunction with the Office of the Comptroller, is authorized to process an appropriation  
60 transfer to allocate the monies to an appropriate account to effectuate this resolution.

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