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From the Director, Department of Transportation and the President and Managing Director, Milwaukee County Transit System, requesting approval of the request to delay capital improvement project WT153 – North South Transit Enhancement, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the 2022 Adopted Capital Improvements Budget for Milwaukee County (the County) included \$20 million in Federal funding for Capital Project WT15301 – North South Transit Enhancement Project (the Project), to enhance transit service along the 27<sup>th</sup> Street (Purple Line) Corridor and, subsequently, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approved the Project’s Locally Preferred Alternative (adopted File No. 24-311), also known as CONNECT 2 (CN2); and

WHEREAS, HNTB Corporation (HNTB) was hired to provide planning and engineering services for the CN2 Project; and

WHEREAS, HNTB estimated future operating and maintenance (O&M) costs at \$6 million annually for CN2 service, the provision of underlying route service, and necessary changes to connecting routes; and

WHEREAS, the O&M cost projections were completed around the time the Office of the Comptroller and the Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance issued reports projecting lower-than-expected sales tax revenues and increased overtime expenses, which will result in less tax levy available for various County programs and projects, including enhanced transit; and

WHEREAS, to stabilize the provision of existing fixed-route service for the next two to three years, \$15 million of the \$20 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds allocated to the Project will be reallocated for transit operating purposes through an administrative fund transfer; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation and Transit, at its meeting of September 4, 2024, recommended adoption of File No. 24-736 (vote 5-0); and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of September 12, 2024, recommended adoption of File No. 24-736 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby approves an indefinite delay of Capital Project WT15301 – North South Transit Enhancement Project (the Project); and

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance  
46 (OSBP) and the Office of the Comptroller (the Comptroller) are authorized to reduce  
47 budgeted revenues and expenditures in the Project by \$15 million through an  
48 administrative fund transfer; and

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50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, OSBP and the Comptroller are authorized to  
51 reallocate the remaining \$15 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds to transit  
52 operations through an administrative fund transfer.

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