

A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to retroactively increase a 2024 purchase of service contract with First Transit, Inc. by \$57,700 for specialized transportation services for older adults, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, at its meeting of November 9, 2023, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) approved the 2024 Adopted Budget, which included authorization for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to contract with First Transit, Inc. (First Transit), from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, for \$1,550,940; and

WHEREAS, the specialized transportation contract with First Transit provides the majority of rides for the Older Adult Transportation Services (OATS) Program supported by Milwaukee County (the County), which serves County residents who are 60 years of age and over, and do not have access to another means of transportation; and

WHEREAS, First Transit was awarded the contract for specialized transportation after a Request for Proposals (RFP) process in 2022, and was bought by Transdev U.S., Inc., which continued operating the contract as First Transit; and

WHEREAS, demand for transportation is increasing post-pandemic, in part due to the demographic shift in the County and overall increase of older adult residents, as well as the ending of the paratransit taxi service, which resulted in over 1,400 new, eligible riders enrolled into the OATS Program in 2024; and

WHEREAS, consistent with Section 59.52(31)(c), Wisconsin State Statutes (State Statutes), Aging and Disability Services, DHHS, must, on behalf of the Commission on Aging, bring contracts with a value or aggregate value of \$300,000 or more to the County Board for authorization; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of March 17, 2025, recommended adoption of File No. 25-199 (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or her designee, to retroactively execute an amendment to the 2024 purchase of service contract, to increase the contract with First Transit, Inc., by \$57,700, from \$1,550,940 to \$1,608,640, effective January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.