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A resolution by Supervisors Weishan, Jr., and Sebring, requesting the Board of Directors of Milwaukee Transit Services, Inc. (MTS) modify its membership to promote better accountability and oversight of the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS), by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, from 1975 to 2014, Milwaukee Transit Services, Incorporated (MTS), was a private, nonprofit corporation which existed solely and exclusively to provide transport services for the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS); and

WHEREAS, in the 2014 Adopted Budget, and revised in File No. 14-312, the stated policy of Milwaukee County (the County) became for the County to self-operate public transit, utilizing MTS as an instrumentality of the Department of Transportation (DOT); and

WHEREAS in 2014, MTS changed its bylaws, making itself a quasi-governmental entity under the support of the County, and the Federal Transit Administration approved the change for continuance of Federal transit funding (File No. 14-744); and

WHEREAS, the revised MTS bylaws specify in Article IV that MTS shall be governed by a Board of Directors (the Board), composed of four *Ex Officio* members and one appointee:

Ex Officio Members

- Director, DOT
- Director of Administration, DOT
- Fiscal and Budget Administrator, DOT
- President of MTS

Appointed Member

- A Milwaukee County Board Supervisor appointed to a two-year term by the Chairman of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

; and

WHEREAS, 75 percent of the MTS Board's *Ex Officio* members are directly accountable to the Director, DOT, who is appointed by the County Executive; and

WHEREAS, the MTS Board does not meet on a regular basis, and provides insufficient oversight over the operations of MCTS, and needs to be reconstituted; and

46 WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit, at its
47 meeting of July 10, 2019, recommended adoption of File No. 19-627 (vote 5-0);
48 now, therefore,
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50 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board)
51 hereby requests the Milwaukee Transit Services, Incorporated (MTS), Board of
52 Directors (the Board) to amend Article IV of the MTS bylaws as follows, so there are six
53 members on the MTS Board:
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- 55 • Remove the Fiscal and Budget Administrator, Department of Transportation
56 (DOT), from the MTS Board.
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- 58 • Change the status of the President of MTS to a non-voting member.
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- 60 • Add the Chairman of the Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and
61 Transit as an *Ex Officio* member.
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- 63 • Modify the number of appointed positions determined by the County Board
64 Chairperson to two appointed positions.
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68 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Director, DOT, is authorized and requested to
69 present this resolution to the MTS Board, and request that a meeting be held as soon
70 as practicable to discuss and act on its contents.
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