

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. 14-555
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6 (ITEM) From the Director, Department of Transportation, requesting authorization
7 to submit a Federal Grant Application and execute the subsequent contract to support the
8 Milwaukee County Transit System Bus Replacement Program, by recommending adoption
9 of the following:

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11 **A RESOLUTION**
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13 WHEREAS, on June 4, 2014, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced
14 the availability of grant funding under the Ladders of Opportunity Initiative; and
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16 WHEREAS, the FTA has made available approximately \$100 million from recoveries
17 from the Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities Program authorized by the Safe, Accountable,
18 Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), Public Law
19 109-59, and prior authorizations; and
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21 WHEREAS, the Ladders of Opportunity Initiative makes funds available to public
22 transportation providers to finance capital projects; and to replace, rehabilitate, and
23 purchase buses and related equipment; and
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25 WHEREAS, the FTA will evaluate each project to determine how it supports five
26 Ladders of Opportunity Initiative principles; and
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28 WHEREAS, the application deadline is August 4, 2014, and a local matching share
29 of twenty percent is required for bus purchases under this program; and
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31 WHEREAS, the FTA may award an amount less than the application; and
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33 WHEREAS, although there are a sufficient number of buses to provide the needed
34 level of service within the overall Milwaukee County Transit System network, the Zoo
35 Interchange Settlement Agreement reached between the Wisconsin Department of
36 Transportation (WisDOT) and the Milwaukee Inner-City Congregations Allied for Hope
37 (MICAH) and the Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin (BHC) (refer to adopted File No. 14-
38 466) provides an excellent opportunity for Milwaukee County to potentially leverage
39 additional federal funding for buses that is highly consistent with the criteria for the Ladders
40 of Opportunity Initiative grant; and
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42 WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit, at its
43 meeting of July 16, 2014, recommended adoption of the Department's request (vote 6-0);
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WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, Personnel, and Audit, at its meeting of July 24, 2014, also recommended adoption of the Department's request (vote 8-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director, Department of Transportation, is hereby authorized to prepare and submit an application for \$3,480,000 in federal funds to the Federal Transit Administration's Ladders of Opportunity Initiative as there are transit services being provided that are highly consistent with this federal initiative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, it is understood that a bus purchase is planned as part of the 2015 Capital Budget and acceptance of these grant funds is contingent upon an approved capital project for bus replacement by policymakers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if successful in obtaining an award, the Milwaukee County Department of Transportation Director is authorized to execute a subsequent contract for the delivery of these buses under this grant program.

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