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From the Director, Department of Transportation and the President & CEO, Milwaukee County Transit System, requesting authorization to apply for and accept, if awarded, Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant funds for transit infrastructure enhancements at MCTS facilities, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) is requesting authorization to apply for and accept Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant funds for transit infrastructure enhancements at MCTS facilities; and

WHEREAS, the BUILD grant program (the Program), previously known as the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant program, was established under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors may accept donations and grants for any public governmental purpose within the powers of Milwaukee County under Section 59.52(19), Wisconsin State Statutes, and Section 56.06, Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Program is a unique, highly competitive opportunity to secure full Federal funding for capital projects without requiring a local financial match, which can include planning and capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, a no-match award is not automatic, but grant applicants who meet the Program’s stringent criteria can receive 100-percent funding; and

WHEREAS, MCTS has identified the Program as an opportunity to improve environmental sustainability and safety by considering a number of modernization projects that may include, but are not limited to, planning and construction upgrades to aging underground fuel tanks and replacement of out-of-service bus lifts; and

WHEREAS, additional modernization efforts include planning for reconstruction of deteriorating concrete infrastructure at the heavy-duty fleet maintenance facility, Light Emitting Diode (LED) lighting upgrades across multiple facilities, and design work for roof replacements at aging garages; and

WHEREAS, awards are anticipated to be announced in the second quarter of 2026 and, if approved, MCTS would implement the improvements in 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation and Transit, at its meeting of March 4, 2026, recommended adoption of File No. 26-321 (vote 4-0); and

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WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of March 12, 2026, recommended adoption of File No. 26-321 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Director, Department of Transportation, and President and Chief Executive Officer, Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS), to apply for and accept, if awarded, Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development grant funds for transit infrastructure enhancements at MCTS facilities.

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