

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. 15-755

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6 (ITEM ) A resolution by Supervisor Mayo, Sr., authorizing the Director,  
7 Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the Milwaukee County Transit System  
8 (MCTS) to reallocate \$225,000 of the \$1.5 million appropriated from the Capital  
9 Improvement Budget to implement Transit Signal Priority along the Wisconsin Avenue  
10 Corridor from Downtown Milwaukee to the Medical Complex in Wauwatosa, to conduct  
11 or supplement a study related to planning for Bus Rapid Transit for MCTS, by  
12 recommending adoption of the following:

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14 **A RESOLUTION**

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16 WHEREAS, Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) utilizes numerous bus system  
17 improvements to yield an ideal level of bus service, which improves the speed,  
18 reliability, and accessibility of service; and

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20 WHEREAS, BRT provides potential broader benefits to communities beyond  
21 speed and efficiency, such as increased ridership and increased economic development  
22 in areas near BRT stations; and

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24 WHEREAS, numerous United States metropolitan areas have introduced BRT or  
25 elements of BRT, including Cleveland, Los Angeles, Seattle, and Pittsburgh; and

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27 WHEREAS, Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) are a core feature of BRT  
28 as defined by the Federal Transit Administration; and

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30 WHEREAS, Transit Signal Priority is a central strategy of ITS, which uses  
31 technology to enable buses to travel faster by extending green lights and shortening red  
32 lights at intersections; and

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34 WHEREAS, on July 30, 2015, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
35 appropriated \$1.5 million to implement Transit Signal Priority along the Wisconsin  
36 Avenue corridor from Downtown Milwaukee to the Medical Complex in Wauwatosa,  
37 Wisconsin, adopted in File Number 15-526; and

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39 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County Transit System is currently preparing a multi-step  
40 process for Transit Signal Priority planning; and

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42 WHEREAS, a September 2015 report from the Director, Department of  
43 Transportation, discusses the potential operational and fiscal benefits of developing  
44 Transit Signal Priority in tandem with a BRT project from Downtown Milwaukee to the  
45 Medical Complex in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin; and

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47           WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit, at its  
48 meeting of December 2, 2015, recommended adoption of the Director's request  
49 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,  
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51           BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Transportation, in conjunction  
52 with the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) is authorized to use \$225,000 of the  
53 \$1.5 million appropriated to implement Transit Signal Priority along the Wisconsin  
54 Avenue corridor from Downtown Milwaukee to the Medical Complex in Wauwatosa,  
55 Wisconsin, to conduct or supplement a study related to planning for Bus Rapid Transit  
56 for MCTS.  
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