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From the Director of the Department of Transportation Requesting Authorization to Apply for funding under the WisDOT Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Carbon Reduction Program, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Transit System will need multiple new bus purchases in the coming years to maintain safe and dependable operations for system users; and

WHEREAS, the Fleet Management Division, Department of Transportation, wishes to begin implementation of an electric vehicle pilot program, with grant funding covering 80 percent of the purchase costs, for ten electric vehicles, and five chargers; and

WHEREAS, grant awards under the Carbon Reduction Program require a minimum 20 percent local match; and

WHEREAS, per Section 56.06, Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances, authorization is required from the appropriate Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors' standing committee, prior to applying for discretionary Federal or State of Wisconsin grants that require a local match; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit, at its meeting of May 10, 2022, recommended adoption of File No. 22-579 (vote 4-0); and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of May 19, 2022, recommended adoption of File No. 22-579 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Transportation (DOT), is hereby authorized to apply for, and accept, if awarded, funding under the Carbon Reduction Program, to aid in the financing of the Milwaukee County Transit System Bus Replacement Program, and the procurement of electric vehicles for the Fleet Management Division, DOT; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the DOT will request formal Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) approval of the 20 percent local matching share, should any funding be awarded, by inclusion of said funding requests in the year-appropriate capital budget, or via County Board action item and/or fund transfer.