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From the Director, Department of Transportation, and the Managing Director, Milwaukee County Transit System, requesting authorization to implement changes in the eligibility requirements for the Growing Opportunities Pass Program, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the 2017 Adopted Budget directed changes to the Growing Opportunities Pass (GO Pass) Program that were intended to make the program sustainable and focus the eligibility to individuals who demonstrated the greatest financial need and had disabilities or were elderly; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 Adopted Budget also directed the formation of a workgroup to make recommendations to finalize a plan that implements the changes in eligibility requirements while minimizing impacts on GO Pass holders; and

WHEREAS, the above workgroup should consist of representatives from the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS), the Department of Transportation, Department of Health and Human Services, the Department on Aging, the Department of Administrative Services, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, GO Pass users, and representatives of advocacy groups for persons with disabilities and seniors; and

WHEREAS, the administration of the eligibility screening process will be done by the Milwaukee County Aging Resource Center and the Disability Resource Center; and

WHEREAS, shifting administration of the GO Pass Program from MCTS to the Aging and Disability Resource Centers will allow those programs to better provide access to publicly funded programs that support elders and individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the GO Pass workgroup met twice in February 2017 to discuss such matters as determining future eligibility for current GO Pass holders, communication with current GO Pass holders, communication to the community at large, and a timeline for implementation of changes; and

WHEREAS, the GO Pass workgroup plan including communication strategies and timeline are outlined in the report accompanying this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit, at its meeting of March 8, 2017, recommended adoption of File No. 17-231 (vote 3-1); now, therefore,

46 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
47 authorizes the Department of Transportation to implement proposed changes to the
48 Growing Opportunities Pass (GO Pass) Program recommended and endorsed by the
49 GO Pass workgroup.

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