

(ITEM) From the Director, Department of Transportation, and the Airport Director, requesting authorization to submit an Amendment to the Federal Aviation Administration regarding Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Applications 10, 12, and 13, increasing the PFC collection rate from \$3.00 to \$4.50, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Program allows the collection of PFC fees up to \$4.50 for every boarded passenger at commercial airports controlled by public agencies; and

WHEREAS, airports use these fees to fund or pay debt service on Federal Aviation Administration-approved capital projects that enhance safety, security, or capacity; reduce noise; or increase air carrier competition; and

WHEREAS, the original PFC law, enacted by Congress in 1990, authorized a \$3.00 passenger charge; and

WHEREAS, General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA) has been participating in the PFC program since 1995; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Congress increased the collection authority to \$4.50 and permitted amendment of existing PFC applications to accelerate collection; and

WHEREAS, GMIA has been collecting PFC fees at the \$4.50 rate since 2012; and

WHEREAS, all other Wisconsin commercial service airports and Chicago's O'Hare and Midway airports are at the \$4.50 collection rate, and of the 390 commercial service airports that have a PFC, 338 are at the \$4.50 collection rate; and

WHEREAS, the current authority for GMIA to collect at \$4.50 on PFC applications expires on January 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, on that date the PFC collections would revert to the \$3.00 rate if this action is not approved; and

WHEREAS, GMIA must amend the remaining outstanding PFC applications to sustain the current \$4.50 collection rate; and

WHEREAS, the \$4.50 collection rate is integral to fund current and future GMIA Capital Improvement Programs, to meet current and future debt service obligations, and to make way for future capital projects by accelerating the collection rate; and

47 WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit, at its
48 meeting of May 6, 2015, recommended adoption of the Director's request (vote 5-2);
49 now, therefore,

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51 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby approves
52 the submittal of an Amendment to eligible Passenger Facility Charge applications
53 authorizing the change in the PFC collection rate from \$3.00 to \$4.50.

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