

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. 15-184

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6 (ITEM ) A resolution by Supervisors Borkowski and Taylor, declaring that  
7 Milwaukee County shall not contribute financially to the Milwaukee Streetcar Project's  
8 development or operation and the Milwaukee County Transit System shall not assist in  
9 the management of the streetcar, by recommending adoption of the following:

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11 **A RESOLUTION**

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13 WHEREAS, on February 10, 2015, the Milwaukee Common Council authorized  
14 the adoption of The Milwaukee Streetcar Project via File Number 141313; and

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16 WHEREAS, the City of Milwaukee is home to a comprehensive, award-winning  
17 transit system owned and financed by Milwaukee County; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Transit System already serves the area  
20 where the proposed streetcar route would be constructed; and

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22 WHEREAS, File No. 141313 did not designate an agency to manage and  
23 operate the streetcar once its development is completed; and

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25 WHEREAS, the operation of a streetcar, like other transit systems, comes at  
26 considerable expense; and

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28 WHEREAS, File No. 141313 states that the operation of the streetcar will be  
29 dependent on temporary and/or fragmented funding sources "until such time as a  
30 dedicated local funding source for public transit in Milwaukee County is established";  
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33 WHEREAS, a dedicated local funding source for public transit has been  
34 discussed for years, but has yet to materialize; and

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36 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County already faces difficult financial choices and  
37 cannot support a second transit system, which is restricted to a small portion of the  
38 County's geographic area; and

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40 WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit, at its  
41 meeting of May 6, 2015, recommended REJECTION of this resolution due to a failed  
42 motion to recommend adoption (vote 3-4); now, therefore,

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44 BE IT RESOLVED, Milwaukee County shall not contribute to the financing of the  
45 streetcar's development or operation upon completion; and  
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47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Milwaukee County's transit system shall not now,  
48 nor any time in the future, manage or assist in the management of the Milwaukee  
49 Streetcar.

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