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(ITEM ) From the Director of the Department of Transportation, requesting approval of new transit service to operate Route 61 (Appleton – Keefe) between Milwaukee and Menomonee Falls, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) previously informed the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors of the lawsuit linked to the Zoo Interchange, and ensuing settlement agreement between the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) and plaintiffs, Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin (BHCW) and Milwaukee Inner City Congregations Allied for Hope (MICAH); and

WHEREAS, the settlement agreement between WisDOT and the plaintiffs makes \$2.875 million available to MCTS annually from 2014 to 2018 for new local or express routes, or extensions of existing transit services from Milwaukee to locations with high job concentrations west, northwest, or southwest of the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to agreement with the plaintiffs, MCTS proposes to operate Route 61 (Appleton – Keefe) between Milwaukee and Menomonee Falls; and

WHEREAS, expenditures related to this project are covered by revenues resulting from the settlement agreement; and

WHEREAS, transit services will be a combination of regular seven-day-a-week-all-day service along with an extension to the Germantown Industrial Park to accommodate some shift-changes; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Milwaukee County Transit System Route 61, which will expand employment opportunities for residents of central Milwaukee County, is approved.