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3 A resolution by Supervisors Lipscomb, Sr., and Weishan, Jr., requesting and
4 authorizing the Interim Director, Department of Transportation, to file a grant application
5 with the Federal Transit Administration for 5339 Low-No Discretionary Grant funds to
6 support the purchase and associated infrastructure for battery electric buses, by
7 recommending adoption of the following:

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9 **A RESOLUTION**

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11 WHEREAS, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5339 Low-No Discretionary
12 Grant is a competitive grant program, which focuses on deploying new production
13 vehicles, giving priority to buses with the lowest energy consumption and the least
14 harmful emissions; and

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16 WHEREAS, the Low-No Discretionary Grant provides funding for the purchase
17 or the lease of zero-emission and low-emission transit buses, including acquisition,
18 construction, and leasing of required supporting facilities; and

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20 WHEREAS, per the memo from the Interim Director, Department of
21 Transportation, dated May 4, 2018, (File No. 18-414), the Low-No Discretionary Grant
22 program is a potential financing option for the purchase of battery electric buses (BEBs)
23 for the fleet; and

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25 WHEREAS, the Low-No Discretionary Grant is currently funded at \$84 million
26 and the application is now open, with an application deadline of June 18, 2018; and

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28 WHEREAS, a local matching share of fifteen percent is required under the Low-
29 No Discretionary Grant, and the FTA may award an amount less than the application;
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32 WHEREAS, if awarded, the funds must be used to purchase BEBs, and if not
33 used for such a purpose, the funds would need to be forfeited; and

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35 WHEREAS, the Low-No Discretionary Grant provides an excellent opportunity
36 for Milwaukee County to leverage additional Federal funding for buses, and at the same
37 time pilot the use of zero-emission transit buses; and

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39 WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit, at its
40 meeting of June 6, 2018, recommended adoption of File No. 18-464 (vote 5-0); now,
41 therefore,

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43 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby requests
44 and authorizes the Director, Department of Transportation (DOT), to file a Federal grant
45 application for 5339 Low-No Discretionary Grant funds to support the purchase and
46 associated infrastructure for battery electric buses; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if successful in obtaining an award, the Director, DOT, is authorized to apply for and accept the grant if awarded.

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