

(ITEM NO.) A resolution to amend County policy to maintain operations and management of Milwaukee County transit system through a private provider administered through a competitive process.

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the 2014 Adopted Budget was amended by the Board to stipulate that unless the County Board approves a contract for outside management and operation of the transit system by April 1, 2014, the policy of Milwaukee County is to bring management and operation of Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) in-house; and

WHEREAS, according to the Comptroller, "there is limited experience available in other transit jurisdictions of a transition from out-sourced system to an in-house system"; and

WHEREAS, the Comptroller's analysis was only a "starting point" in making a decision from out-sourcing to in-housing and

WHEREAS, policymakers do not have enough information to fully consider the operational, legal and administrative implications and risks of bringing this function in-house; and;

WHEREAS, several policymakers have publicly questioned the implications of bringing transit operations in-house and seem to favor preparing a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) for transit management services to continue under a private provider, and

WHEREAS, having the county proceed on a dual track of producing and administering another RFP along with the consideration of bringing operations in-house is counterproductive, inefficient, and a considerable strain on resources particularly given the overwhelming sentiment of the board and community to produce another RFP, and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County's intent and goal is to provide exceptional public transportation services to its residents by running a highly effective, efficient and safe system; and

WHEREAS, bringing MCTS in-house is a highly complex decision that will affect several county departments, over 1,000 employees and many thousands of bus riders; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that Milwaukee County hereby clarifies its intent and goal to provide exceptional public transportation services to its residents by running a highly effective, efficient and safe system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the current policy of bringing management and operations of MCTS in-house is replaced with a policy to seek a Request for Proposal for transit management services to operate MCTS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that once this resolution and changes to the MCGO Chapter 110 appeals process are adopted, the Department of Transportation will seek a provider that brings the best

49 value to the County. This may require extending the current contract with MTS into 2015 as necessary;
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52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation may retain assistance to
53 develop a new RFP based on industry best practices and to allow for an independent third party to
54 oversee the process to remove any notion of bias or secrecy; and

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56 BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED, that the Chairperson of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
57 or her designee is hereby appointed to be an independent non-voting member of the evaluation
58 committee who may observe the process while maintaining impartial confidentiality during the
59 evaluation process; and

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61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that prior to issuance of a new RFP for transit management services,
62 revisions will be made to the appeals process so that the appropriate appeals process can be referenced
63 in a new RFP.
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