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(ITEM ) From the Director, Department of Transportation, requesting approval of the Locally Preferred Alternative; requesting authorization to apply for the Federal Transit Administration Small Starts Grant; and requesting to commit \$7,775,000 to support the development of the proposed East/West Bus Rapid Transit project, by recommending adoption of the following:

**AN AMENDED RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) have engaged in a feasibility study of an East/West Bus Rapid Transit project (BRT); and

WHEREAS, through the analysis conducted during the course of the feasibility study, it has been determined that the optimal route for the BRT system would be to operate from the future Couture site to the Watertown Plank Park and Ride lot primarily along Wisconsin Avenue and Bluemound Road; and

WHEREAS, this alignment provides the best service option to system users linking access to jobs, educational opportunities, health care, and activity centers; and

WHEREAS, the DOT has sought agreement via resolution with the City of Wauwatosa and the City of Milwaukee to agree to supporting the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) with the understanding that we will work to maximize exclusive lanes as much as possible and report these details back to each community and the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) prior to entering construction; and

WHEREAS, in May 2016, the County Board approved \$2,190,000 to be used for project development which will provide funding to support further project development, design, and preliminary engineering costs that will provide additional information as to where dedicated lanes could be used and what impacts the development of the BRT alignment may have; and

WHEREAS, the deadline to submit an application to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for the Small Starts Grant program is September 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the FTA requires communities to show a financial commitment of the local share of the overall estimated project cost to advance the project for consideration of the Small Starts Grant program; and

WHEREAS, in order to demonstrate the commitment to funding the BRT project estimated at a cost of \$45,000,000, the DOT will request a capital project that provides for a local share amount of \$9,000,000, of which \$1,225,000 will be used from the

46 existing signal priority project and \$7,775,000 will be made available from local funds  
47 during the consideration of the 2017 Budget later in 2016; and  
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49 WHEREAS, this resolution is being requested so that it may be provided to the  
50 FTA to indicate the necessary support for the LPA, indicate a commitment of funding for  
51 the project, and approve the submission of the application for the FTA Small Starts  
52 Grant; and  
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54 WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit, at its  
55 meeting of July 13, 2016, recommended adoption of the Director's request as amended  
56 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,  
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58 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board)  
59 approves of the Locally Preferred Alternative as identified in Exhibit 1 of this resolution;  
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62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Transportation (DOT)  
63 and the County Executive will submit for consideration to the County Board, and the  
64 County Board will duly consider as a commitment to the local funding share, a 2017  
65 capital budget amount sufficient to cover the local funding share of \$7,775,000; and  
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67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Director, (DOT), is authorized to submit an  
68 application for Federal Transit Administration Small Starts Grant funding in order to  
69 support the development of the East/West Bus Rapid Transit project; and  
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71 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the DOT will bring the result of the design and  
72 preliminary engineering phase back to the County Board for its review and approval  
73 prior to construction.  
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