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(ITEM) From the Director, Department of Transportation, requesting authorization to enter into a 2015 Urban Mass Transit Operating Assistance Contract between the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Milwaukee County, under Section 85.20, Wisconsin Statutes, to realize the \$64,193,900 in budgeted mass transit operating revenue as an offset to expenditures in support of Milwaukee County Transit System fixed-route and paratransit operations, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, per Section 59.52(31), Wisconsin Statutes, approval by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors is required to enter into a contract that exceeds \$300,000; and

WHEREAS, Section 85.20, Wisconsin Statutes, authorizes a program of State financial assistance to urban mass transit systems for the purpose of improving mass transit systems in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, Section 20.395, Wisconsin Statutes, appropriates funds for the Section 85.20 mass transit operating assistance program, which in calendar year 2015 totals \$64,193,900 for Milwaukee County; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation has determined that Milwaukee County meets the eligibility requirements of the Section 85.20 Program, and accordingly, \$64,193,900 is available for Milwaukee County Transit System fixed-route and paratransit operations in 2015 upon execution of a contract; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit, at its meeting of June 10, 2015, recommended adoption of the Director's request (vote 7-0) but the recommendation is moot under Section 59.52(31)(d), Wisconsin Statutes, which states that only the County Board's Finance Committee has jurisdiction over contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, Personnel, and Audit, at its meeting of June 18, 2015, recommended adoption of the Director's request (vote 9-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Transportation, is hereby authorized to enter into a 2015 Section 85.20 Urban Mass Transit Operating Assistance Contract with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and to realize 2015 budgeted operating revenue in support of Milwaukee County Transit System fixed-route and paratransit operations.