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From the Director of Milwaukee County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) requesting authorization to accept one (1) Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Transportation Alternatives Grant Program (TAP) application, if approved, with the capability to submit subsequent TAP applications to implement the recommended outcomes, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is a legislative program that was authorized in Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, the Federal transportation act that was signed into law on December 4, 2015; and

WHEREAS, TAP projects expand travel choice, strengthen the local economy, improve the quality of life, and protect the environment by supporting non-traditional projects linked to the transportation system; and

WHEREAS, TAP grants are very competitive and projects must commence within four years of the award date; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the TAP application submission project named "Pedestrian and Bicycle Crossing Planning Assessment (the Project)", is to investigate existing pedestrian/bicycle crossings (up to 20) on County Trunk Highways (CTH) throughout Milwaukee County (the County), and create a prioritized plan for pedestrian/bicycle crossing enhancements; and

WHEREAS, the Project will review select crossings (up to 20) that have not been recently reviewed that are well used, have concerns with safety, or have received concerns from the public in the past; and

WHEREAS, a report will be compiled containing a prioritized list, improvement alternatives / recommendations, and construction cost estimates for candidate pedestrian/bicycle crossings implementation projects; and

WHEREAS, overall, the report will be used by the Department of Transportation to determine where to prioritize implementation to take advantage of subsequent future TAP grant funding; and

WHEREAS, 14 pedestrian/bicycle crossings that connect to bus routes, trails, parks, or schools will be reviewed in the Project, along with six additional locations that will be determined during the Project; and

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WHEREAS, TAP is a reimbursement program that is funded 80 percent Federally, with a 20 percent local share (County), and Federal funds are capped at the award amount; and

WHEREAS, the TAP Projects will allow the County to provide enhancements / improvements that support health equity, by applying a racial equity lens to pedestrian/bicycle crossings on CTH throughout the County, utilizing 80 percent Federal funding to enhance fiscal health; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of March 17, 2022, recommended adoption of File No. 22-381 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, one Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) application has been submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to meet the deadline of January 28, 2022, for the 2022-2026 program cycle, and the TAP grant will not be awarded until a Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors' resolution is passed by the deadline of April 18, 2022, authorizing subsequent TAP applications to be submitted separately, based on the alternatives / recommendations resulting from the TAP application/project submitted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if TAP grants are awarded to the County for the one TAP project and its subsequent TAP projects, the Department of Transportation is authorized to execute administrative fund transfers, and/or capital improvement budgets, to implement the awarded grant funding.

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