

1 By Supervisors Holloway and Mayo
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4 **A RESOLUTION**
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6 supporting the Workforce Mobility Act that would restore funding to Wisconsin public
7 transit systems that were reduced ten percent in the 2011-2013 State Budget Bill
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9 WHEREAS, the 2011-2013 State Budget Bill cut funding for public transit by ten
10 percent, which represented an annual reduction of \$6.85 million to the Milwaukee
11 County Transit System (MCTS); and
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13 WHEREAS, the 2012 Budget for MCTS included route and segment reductions
14 in order to meet the lower operating support provided by the State; and
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16 WHEREAS, the 2012 Transit/Paratransit Budget (Org. 5600) anticipates \$7.7
17 million in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding as part of a three-year
18 allocation of \$16.9 million (95 percent will be allocated in the first two years) that has
19 helped avert even more drastic cuts to the transit system; and
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21 WHEREAS, State Senators King and Larson and Representatives Pasch and
22 Hintz are introducing legislation entitled the Workforce Mobility Act to provide workers in
23 communities across Wisconsin dependable, accessible transportation to their jobs; and
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25 WHEREAS, of the 140,000 rides provided daily by MCTS, approximately 39
26 percent are commuters traveling to and from work; and
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28 WHEREAS, according to the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, a recent re-estimate of
29 the transportation fund indicates that an additional \$32.9 million remains available for
30 use, of which the proposed legislation would allocate \$9.6 million to restore the recent
31 budget cuts; now, therefore,
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33 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
34 supports the Workforce Mobility Act, or similar legislation, that would restore funding to
35 the Milwaukee County Transit System and other transit systems throughout the State;
36 and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Intergovernmental Relations is
39 authorized and directed to communicate Milwaukee County's support of this legislation
40 to State policymakers and related officials.