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A resolution by Supervisors Lipscomb, Sr., Dimitrijevic, and Cullen, authorizing the Director, Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the Milwaukee County Transit System, to submit a proposal to the City of Milwaukee to operate the Milwaukee Streetcar, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a streetcar is a system of passenger vehicles that operate on fixed-rail guideways on public streets; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2015, the Milwaukee Common Council approved the Milwaukee Streetcar Project (the Streetcar); and

WHEREAS, Phase 1 of the Streetcar runs 2.1 miles, connecting the Intermodal Station to the Third Ward, East Town, and the Lower East Side neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, per Section 85.066(3) Wisconsin State Statutes, Milwaukee County (the County) may not incur any direct or indirect expenses including the forfeiture of any revenue, related to the operation of a rail fixed guideway transportation system in a first class city; and

WHEREAS, per the 2017 Adopted Budget, the County's policy prohibits any financial contribution for the development or operation of the Streetcar, as well as the Milwaukee County Transit System's (MCTS) assistance or management of the Streetcar until a County-wide referendum decides the matter; and

WHEREAS, a decision in favor of MCTS operating the Streetcar under contract to the City of Milwaukee is not the same as an endorsement of the Streetcar; and

WHEREAS, time is now of the essence and a decision to pursue operation of the Streetcar cannot be further postponed; and

WHEREAS, the City of Milwaukee (the City) continues to move forward with the Streetcar, and track and guideway construction begins in the Spring of 2017; and

WHEREAS, although the County cannot contribute financially to the development or operation of the Streetcar, it is in the County's best interest to ensure a seamless interaction between MCTS and the streetcar system; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest that local governments work together collaboratively to avoid new duplication or "turf wars" and in order to provide efficient high quality public services; and

46 WHEREAS, the City released a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking an
47 operator for the streetcar system, and will host a preproposal conference on March 2,
48 2017, with submittals for the RFP due by April 4, 2017; and

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50 WHEREAS, the integration of fare systems and bus route planning are some
51 advantages of MCTS's involvement in the operation of the streetcar system; and

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53 WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit, at its
54 meeting of March 8, 2017, recommended adoption of File No. 17-267 (vote 4-1); now,
55 therefore,

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57 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
58 authorizes the Director, Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the
59 Milwaukee County Transit System, to submit a proposal to operate the Milwaukee
60 Streetcar; and

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62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Milwaukee County will not incur or commit to any
63 financial liability to develop or operate the Milwaukee Streetcar as part of any response
64 to the City of Milwaukee's Request for Proposals.

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