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From the Director of the Department of Transportation Requesting Authorization to Apply for Federal 5339(b) Grants for Buses & Bus Facilities Competitive Program and 5339(c) Low or No Emissions Grant Program, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Transit System will need multiple new bus purchases in the coming years to maintain safe and dependable operations for system users; and

WHEREAS, the Section 5339(b) Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program assists in the financing of capital projects by awarding funds competitively to assist in the financing of buses and bus facilities capital projects, to replace, rehabilitate, purchase or lease buses and related equipment, and to rehabilitate, purchase, construct, or lease bus-related facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Section 5339(c) Low or No Emissions Grant Program supports the transition of the nation’s transit fleet to the lowest polluting and most energy efficient transit vehicles; and

WHEREAS, grant awards under the Programs require a minimum 20 percent local match; and

WHEREAS, per Section 56.06, Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances, authorization is required from the appropriate Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors’ standing committee prior to applying for discretionary Federal or State of Wisconsin grants that require a local match; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit, at its meeting of May 10, 2022, recommended adoption of File No. 22-588 (vote 4-0); and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of May 19, 2022, recommended adoption of File No. 22-588 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Transportation (DOT), is hereby authorized to apply for, and accept, if awarded, funding under the Section 5339(b) Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program and the Section 5339(c) Low or No Emissions Grant Program (the Programs), to aid in the financing of the Milwaukee County Transit System bus replacement program; and

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the DOT will request formal Milwaukee County
45 Board of Supervisors approval of the 20 percent local matching share, should any
46 funding be awarded under the Programs, by inclusion of said funding requests in the
47 year-appropriate capital budget, or via fund transfer.

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