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From the Director, Department of Transportation, requesting retroactive authorization to submit a Federal Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant application to the Federal Transit Administration to study the feasibility of a shared Bus-Bike Only Lane on 35th Street Between W. Vliet Street and W. National Avenue connecting the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County's North and South Side, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation seeks to obtain this award to study the feasibility of a shared Bus-Bike Only Lane on 35th Street, between West Vliet Street and West National Avenue; and

WHEREAS, a 1.9-mile segment of North 35th and South 35th Street between West Vliet Street and West National Avenue, which includes the viaduct, runs through 11 different census tracts that qualify as Areas of Persistent Poverty census tracts, six of which also qualify as Historically Disadvantaged Communities; and

WHEREAS, grant awards under this program have up to a 10 percent local match; and

WHEREAS, per Section 56.06 of the 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 grants that require a local match; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation and Transit, at its meeting of April 11, 2023, recommended adoption of File No. 23-444 (vote 4-0); and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of April 13, 2023, recommended adoption of File No. 23-444 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Transportation (DOT), is hereby retroactively authorized to submit a Federal Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant application to the Federal Transit Administration, to help fund a study of the feasibility of a shared Bus-Bike Only Lane on 35th Street, between West Vliet Street and West National Avenue; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DOT will request formal approval by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors of the local matching share, should any funding be awarded, by inclusion of said funding requests in the year-appropriate capital budget.

