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From the Director, Department of Transportation, requesting retroactive authorization to submit applications to the Federal Section 5339(b) Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program and the 5339(c) Low or No Emission Grant Program to the Federal Transit Administration to aid in the financing of the Milwaukee County Transit System bus replacement 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 Federal 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 Federal 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 these programs require a minimum 20 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. 23-445 (vote 4-0); and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of April 13, 2023, recommended adoption of File No. 23-445 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Transportation (DOT), is hereby retroactively authorized to apply for, and accept if awarded, funding under the Federal Section 5339(b) and 5339(c) programs to aid in the financing of the Milwaukee County Transit System bus replacement program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the DOT will request formal Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approval of the 20 percent local matching share, should any funding be awarded under the Federal Section 5339(b) or 5339(c) programs, by

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