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(ITEM) From the Director, Department of Transportation, requesting authorization to submit five applications for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Grant funding to aid in the financing of future operating and capital projects, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, per Section 56.06 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances, authorization is required from the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) to apply for and execute discretionary Federal or State grants that require a local match; and

WHEREAS, in April of 2015, the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) provided notice and application guidelines for the 2016-2020 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Grant program; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) is prepared to submit five CMAQ applications, three for transit and two for transportation services projects, prior to the June 19, 2015, deadline; and

WHEREAS, these five projects have been chosen based on departmental need and their eligibility for CMAQ Grant program funding; and

WHEREAS, the list of projects prepared to be submitted is as follows:

- Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) Gold Line (Wisconsin Avenue - University of Wisconsin Milwaukee) - funding for additional service.
- Marketing Activities for MCTS.
- MCTS Bus Replacement Program - funding requested beginning in 2017 for bus replacements through 2020.
- Intersection of West Beloit Road (County Trunk Highway T) & South 112th Street/West Howard Avenue - adding turn lanes to improve traffic movement.
- Intersection of West Forest Home Avenue (County Trunk Highway OO) & West Rawson Avenue (County Trunk Highway BB) - adding turn lanes to improve traffic movement.

; and

WHEREAS, MCDOT's pending applications exceed the approximately \$10.7 million of program funds available within the CMAQ Grant program for the 2016-2020 application period and it is highly unlikely that all projects will receive funding; and

45 WHEREAS, consistent with past practice, once MCDOT is made aware of
46 selected projects by WisDOT, a report and resolution will be provided to the County
47 Board requesting acceptance of any WisDOT awarded projects; and
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49 WHEREAS, projects selected for CMAQ Grant program funding will then be
50 included in the appropriate operating or capital budgets, or authorized by fund transfer
51 process over the grant period; and
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53 WHEREAS, MCDOT expects to be notified of selected projects in early 2016;
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56 WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit, at its
57 meeting of June 10, 2015, recommended adoption of the Director's request (vote 7-0);
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60 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, Personnel, and Audit, at its meeting of
61 June 18, 2015, also recommended adoption of the Director's request (vote 9-0); now,
62 therefore,
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64 BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Transportation (DOT), is hereby
65 authorized to submit five applications for Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
66 Improvement (CMAQ) funding to aid in the financing of five future capital and operating
67 projects; and
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69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the DOT will request formal approval from the
70 Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors of the 20% local matching contribution should
71 any of the CMAQ projects be approved for grant program funding.
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