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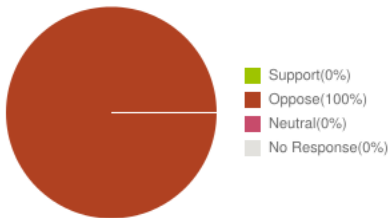
eComments Report

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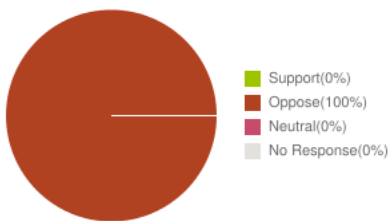
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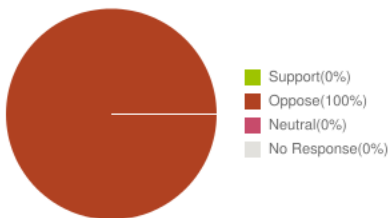
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Agenda Item: eComments for 1 21-758 A resolution disputing Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) claims and reaffirming Milwaukee County's opposition to further expansion of Interstate 94 (I-94)

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Pam Fendt

Location:

Submitted At: 1:13pm 10-19-21

Dear Chairman Goodwin and Members of the Committee,

We are writing in response to a resolution coming before the Transportation, Public Works and Transit Committee called "disputing Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) claims and reaffirming Milwaukee County's opposition to further expansion of Interstate 94 (I-94)." We would like to provide some background from our perspective on this file, and why we would respectfully ask you to vote against taking it up at this time.

- This resolution mentions a budget decrease for public transit that occurred as part of the state budget process. We could not agree more that this is a short-sighted and disappointing action. Just as state legislators short-changed education funding using ARPA funds as an excuse, they are doing that with public transportation funding as well. Neither action is in the best interests of the people of Wisconsin. We do want to note, however, that a

reduction in the budget for the I-94 project will not mean an increase in the budget for public transit or for local streets. All of these transportation areas are funded through separate allocations. So tying these events together is not actually fiscally possible

- 76% of rush hour trips through the part of I-94 in question are trips that begin and end within the corridor. It is Milwaukee County residents who will overwhelmingly benefit from a reconfigured (and potentially expanded, if the evidence is there to support it) section of I-94.

- Additionally, with the support of President Biden and Senator Baldwin for “build it in America/build it in Wisconsin” initiatives we must bear in mind that the corridor is a means to move goods that are manufactured in Milwaukee out to the rest of the world, through the expanding Port of Milwaukee, and we believe the volume of goods will be increasing in the coming years. I-94 is a commercial corridor as well as one way to move people.

- In April of this year the state DOT, responding to input from stakeholders including the County Board of Supervisors, made the decision to do a supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. We are approximately half way through the year-long timeframe for that process. Doesn't it make sense at the very least to wait for the conclusion of this process and see the revised plan from DOT before taking further Board action?

In conclusion, we don't think that being for the expansion of public transportation means one must be opposed to this project. We hope that you will consider these points when you take up the matter in committee.

Sincerely,

Pam Fendt, president

Milwaukee Area Labor Council