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3 From the Director, Department of Transportation, Requesting Authorization to Accept  
4 Federal Section 5309 Capital Investment Grants (CIG) Program Funds for the East-  
5 West Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project and Providing a Status Update, by  
6 recommending adoption of the following:

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8 **A RESOLUTION**

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10 WHEREAS, Chapter 56 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances  
11 requires authorization from the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors to accept State  
12 or Federal discretionary grant awards; and

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14 WHEREAS, File No. 16-390 authorized the Director, Department of  
15 Transportation (DOT), to submit an application for the Federal Transit Administration  
16 (FTA) Section 5309 Capital Investment Grants (CIG) Program (Small Starts Grant)  
17 funding in order to support the development of the East-West Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)  
18 Project; and

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20 WHEREAS, the East-West BRT Project will be the first of its kind enhanced  
21 transit investment in Wisconsin; and

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23 WHEREAS, on May 29, 2020, the United States Secretary of Transportation  
24 announced the apportionment of \$40.9 million in CIG funding for the project; and

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26 WHEREAS, awarded projects for the CIG Program require a minimum 20  
27 percent local matching funds contribution from Milwaukee County (the County); and

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29 WHEREAS, the local matching funds contribution from the County has been  
30 demonstrated to the FTA in part through the planned purchase and acquisition of  
31 Battery Electric Buses (BEBs) and associated infrastructure to service this alignment as  
32 per the County's Adopted 2017 and 2019 Capital Budgets (Capital Projects WT081,  
33 WT082, WT083, WT124, and WT126); and

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35 WHEREAS, the County's contribution of \$11.85 million for BEBs and associated  
36 infrastructure will leverage the Federal apportionment of \$40.9 million, and an earlier  
37 FTA project development approval of \$2.3 million from Federal Section 5307 funds for a  
38 total estimated project cost of \$55.05 million; and

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40 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of December 10, 2020,  
41 recommended adoption of File No. 20-916 (vote 6-0); now, therefore,  
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43 BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Transportation (DOT), is  
44 authorized to accept \$40.9 million in Section 5309 Capital Investment Grants (CIG)  
45 Program funds for the East-West Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project, and to commit  
46 \$11.85 million, over the grant award period as required Milwaukee County matching  
47 funds contribution, through the purchase and acquisition of Battery Electric Buses and  
48 associated infrastructure, to cover the total estimated project cost of \$55.05 million; and

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50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Transit System will not  
51 begin construction for the East-West BRT Project until the Director, DOT, accepts the  
52 \$40.9 million apportionment of Section 5309 CIG Program funds.

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