From the Director of the Department of Transportation requesting authorization to apply for and accept, if awarded, a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is soliciting applications for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program (the Grant Program); and

WHEREAS, funds for the Federal Fiscal Year 2022 RAISE Grant Program are to be awarded on a competitive basis, for surface transportation infrastructure projects that will have a significant local or regional impact; and

WHEREAS, projects will be evaluated based on statutory, primary selection criteria, including safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, economic competitiveness and opportunity, state of good repair, and mobility and community connectivity; and

WHEREAS, selection criteria also include, but are not limited to, benefits to historically disadvantaged communities, or areas of persistent poverty; and

WHEREAS, in addition to infrastructure projects, funding has been made available for the planning, preparation, or design of projects that meet the aforementioned criteria, and the project applications the Department of Transportation (DOT) plans to submit are as follows:

Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) Bus Replacement Program
60 buses (approximately \$25.8 million Federal, \$6.4 million local)

MCTS Improvements to Fixed Route Network
 Feasibility study and analysis of existing system with recommendations for
 enhancement (approximately \$4 million Federal, \$1 million local)

; and

WHEREAS, the DOT's applications may not be awarded in full, thus the exact amount of the local funding required may be less than the estimates; and

WHEREAS, projects selected for RAISE Grant Program funding will be included in the appropriate year capital budgets, or authorized by the fund transfer process over the Grant Program period, along with the required 20 percent local matching contribution; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit, at its 46 meeting of March 9, 2022, recommended adoption of File No. 22-373 (vote 4-0); 47 48 now, therefore, 49 BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Transportation, is authorized to 50 51 apply for and accept, if awarded, a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with 52 Sustainability and Equity Discretionary Grant, for the projects described herein. 53 54 55 56 57 kae s:\committees\2022\march\tpwt\resolutions\22-373 dot - raise discretionary grant.docx