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From the Director, Department of Transportation, requesting retroactive authorization to submit a Federal Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant application to the Federal Transit Administration to aid in the financing of the Milwaukee County Transit System effort to obtain rider travel survey data, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) seeks to obtain the Federal Areas of Persistent Poverty Program (the Program) Grant Award (the Grant Award), to fund efforts to acquire rider travel survey data, for the purpose of determining how the system is being used, especially the many high-frequency routes, which serve large portions of census tracts containing a majority of low-income residents; and

WHEREAS, this data will also be used by MCTS in their efforts to address racial equity in public transportation, by enhancing job access, decreasing travel times, and understanding routes' demographic profile; and

WHEREAS, Grant Awards under this Program require a 10 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, Public Works, and Transit, at its meeting of March 9, 2022, recommended adoption of File No. 22-377 (vote 4-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Transportation (DOT), is hereby retroactively authorized to submit a Federal Areas of Persistent Poverty Program (the Program) grant application to the Federal Transit Administration, to aid in the financing of the Milwaukee County Transit System effort to obtain rider travel survey data; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Director, DOT, is further authorized to execute any subsequent contract, should a 2021 Program contract be awarded to Milwaukee County.