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From the Director of the Department of Transportation Requesting Authorization to Apply for funding under the Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) and Surface Transportation Urban Program (STP-U), by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Transit System will need multiple new bus purchases in the coming years to maintain safe and dependable operations for system users; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Services Division, Department of Transportation, has identified a need to replace aging traffic signal equipment, at up to 16 intersections, with newer equipment and improved signal timing; and

WHEREAS, the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement and Surface Transportation Urban Programs can assist in the financing of bus replacements and traffic signal equipment; and

WHEREAS, grant awards under these programs require a minimum 20 percent local match; and

WHEREAS, per Section 56.06, 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 of Wisconsin grants that require a local match; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit, at its meeting of May 10, 2022, recommended adoption of File No. 22-586 (vote 4-0); and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of May 19, 2022, recommended adoption of File No. 22-586 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Transportation (DOT), is hereby authorized to apply for, and to accept, if awarded, funding under the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program, and the Surface Transportation Urban Program (STP-U), to aid in the financing of the Milwaukee County Transit System bus replacement program, and the replacement of aging traffic signal equipment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the DOT will request formal Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approval of the 20 percent local matching share, should any funding be awarded, under the CMAQ or STP-U programs, by inclusion of said funding requests in the year-appropriate capital budget or via fund transfer.

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