(Item ) From the Director, Department of Transportation requesting approval of the Other Social Determinants of Health American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Committee’s recommendation to fund FlexRide Milwaukee in the amount of $1,365,000 and administered by the Department of Transportation, by recommending adoption of the following:

# A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 was signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021, in efforts to support individuals, families, businesses, and governments impacted by the coronavirus Disease pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County) will receive $183.7 million in ARPA funding, through the ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors adopted File No. 21-555: “A resolution to create a Task Force (ARPA Task Force) to review and recommend funding allocations to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors for monies received by the County in the Federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021”; and

WHEREAS, of the County’s $183.7 million of ARPA aid, approximately $7,347,848, has been recommended by the ARPA Task Force for Fund Administration, to coordinate use of ARPA funds for programmatic and fiscal accountability, reporting, and alignment with other funding; and

WHEREAS, in November of 2022 the Community Support Subgroup –recommended the FlexRide Milwaukee project expansion request receive $1,365,000 in Community Support funding based on criteria set forth by the ARPA Task Force; and

WHEREAS, FlexRide Milwaukee is an on-demand transportation pilot program led by the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, FlexRide is designed to supplement existing Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) services by taking users the “last mile,” to areas of the region that have been historically difficult to serve with fixed route transit; and

WHEREAS, the program does not compete with MCTS; it boosts its reach into areas not served by the transit system; and

WHEREAS, the ARPA Task Force recommended the FlexRide Milwaukee project for funding on January 19, 2023 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorizes ARPA funding for the FlexRide Milwaukee project in the amount of $1,365,000, to be administered by the Department of Transportation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Office of Strategy, Budget and Performance and the Office of the Comptroller to process an administrative appropriation transfer of $1,365,000 to direct funds to Department of Transportation for the FlexRide program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board authorizes the administrating  department, DAS, the Office of Corporation Counsel, Risk Management Division, Community Business Development Partners, Office of the Comptroller, Office of Strategy, Budget and Performance and County Executive, to prepare, review, approve, and execute all contracts and other documents, and take all actions as required for the purpose of administering the above-referenced programs funded by the American Rescue Plan Act grant allocation framework.