From the Director, Department of Transportation requesting retroactive 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 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grants; and

WHEREAS, funds for the Fiscal Year 2023 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:

 Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) Bus Replacement Program 46 buses (approximately \$33.6 million Federal, \$8.4 million local)

MCTS Improvements to Transit Infrastructure
Charging infrastructure, facility security, passenger counters, bus shelters,
Americans with Disabilities Act compliant bus stop landing pads
(approximately \$11.4 million Federal, \$2.85 million local)

; and

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

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

47 WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation and Transit, at its meeting of 48 April 11, 2023, recommended adoption of File No. 23-446 (vote 4-0); and 49 50 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of April 13, 2023, 51 recommended adoption of File No. 23-446 (vote 7-0); now, therefore, 52 53 BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Transportation, is hereby 54 retroactively authorized to apply for and accept, if awarded, a Rebuilding American 55 Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Discretionary Grant for the projects 56 57 58 59 60 61 described herein. srb 04/13/2023 S:\Committees\2023\April\FINANCE\Resolutions\23-446 RAISE Grant authorization to apply.docx