

(ITEM ) From the Director, Department of Transportation, requesting authorization to execute a Grant Agreement with the Federal Transit Administration for the 2016 Section 5307 Federal Urbanized Area Formula Grant Program, and the Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Program, allowing Milwaukee County to realize \$14,228,822 in Federal grant revenue as a budgeted offset to expenditures in support of Milwaukee County Transit System projects, and fixed route and paratransit operations, by recommending adoption of the following:

### A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, per Section 59.52(31), Wisconsin State Statutes (State Statutes), approval of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors is required to enter into a contract that exceeds \$300,000; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Federal Urbanized Area Formula Grant Program (Section 5307 Program) [49 United States Code § 5307] is a formula grant program for urbanized areas providing capital, operating, and planning assistance for mass transportation; and

WHEREAS, Federal funds are apportioned to urbanized areas utilizing a formula based on population, population density, and other factors associated with transit service and ridership; and

WHEREAS, Section 5307 Program urbanized area formula funds are available for transit improvements for urbanized areas with a population over 1 million and these funds are distributed directly to the designated recipient; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County) meets the eligibility requirements of the Section 5307 Program as a designated recipient, and \$12,411,579 is available for Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) capital and operating projects in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the FTA Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Program (Section 5339 Program) [49 United States Code § 5339] is a grant program for urbanized areas providing capital assistance for buses and bus facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Section 5339 Program makes Federal resources available to states and directs recipients to replace, rehabilitate, and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) allocates Section 5339 Program funds to transit service providers within the region in the same manner as FTA Section 5307 Program formula funds are allocated; and

47 WHEREAS, SEWRPC uses the following criteria as reported by each operator to  
48 the FTA: revenue miles of transit service, revenue hours of transit service, revenue  
49 passengers, and passenger miles; and  
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51 WHEREAS, \$1,817,243 will be made available for MCTS bus replacements in  
52 2017; and  
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54 WHEREAS, the County's 2016 allocations for Section 5307 and 5339 Programs  
55 have been combined into one contract totaling \$14,228,822; and  
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57 WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit, at its  
58 meeting of September 7, 2016, recommended adoption of the Director's request  
59 (vote 5-0) but the recommendation is moot under Section 59.52(31)(d), State Statutes,  
60 which states that only the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisor's Finance Committee  
61 has jurisdiction over contracts; and  
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63 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance and Audit, at its meeting of  
64 September 15, 2016, recommended adoption of the Director's request (vote 7-0);  
65 now, therefore,  
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67 BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Transportation, is authorized to  
68 execute a Grant Agreement with the Federal Transit Administration for the 2016 Section  
69 5307 Federal Urbanized Area Formula Grant Program, and the Section 5339 Bus and  
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