

From the Director, Department of Transportation, and the Managing Director, Milwaukee County Transit System, requesting authorization to enter into Contract No. 4 with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation in the amount of \$3,375,000, for eligible transit services as part of the Milwaukee County Zoo Interchange Project for the period effective July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, by recommending adoption of the following:

## A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin and Midwest Environmental Advocates filed a lawsuit against Federal transportation agencies and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) in 2012 on behalf of Milwaukee Inner City Congregations Allied for Hope (MICAH) and the Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin (BHC) for inadequately addressing needs of persons who rely on transit within the scope of the \$1.7 billion Zoo Interchange Project; and

WHEREAS, a settlement between WisDOT and the plaintiffs (MICAH and BHC) specified that \$2.875 million annually would be available for eligible services thru 2018 while an additional \$500,000 would be made available each year for marketing; and

WHEREAS, two bus routes were operated with the settlement funds in the past year, including Route 6 (New Berlin Industrial Park Express), and Route 61 (Appleton-Keefe); and

WHEREAS, the settlement funds are disbursed through annual contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit, at its meeting of March 8, 2017, recommended adoption of File No. 17-218 (vote 5-0) but the recommendation is moot under Section 59.52(31)(d) of Wisconsin State Statutes, which states that only the County Board's Finance Committee has jurisdiction over contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance and Audit, at its meeting of March 16, 2017, recommended adoption of File No. 17-218 (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Transportation, is authorized to enter into Contract No. 4 with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation in the amount of \$3,375,000 to be expended on transit services provided by the Milwaukee County Transit System associated with the Zoo Interchange Freeway Project mitigation and publicity of such services for the period effective July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018.

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