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From the Director, Department of Transportation, requesting authorization to execute a contract with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the 2017 Section 85.20 Urban Mass Transit Operating Assistance Program, allowing Milwaukee County to realize \$64,193,900 in support of Milwaukee County Transit System 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, Section 85.20, State Statutes, authorizes a program of State financial assistance to urban mass transit systems for the purpose of improving mass transit systems in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, Section 20.395, State Statutes, appropriates funds for the Section 85.20 Mass Transit Operating Assistance Program (Section 85.20 Program), which totals \$64,193,900 in Milwaukee County (the County) for calendar year 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has determined that the County meets the eligibility requirements of the Section 85.20 Program, and accordingly, \$64,193,900 is available for Milwaukee County Transit System fixed-route and paratransit operations in 2017 upon execution of a contract with WisDOT; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit, at its meeting of June 7, 2017, recommended adoption of File No. 17-429 (vote 5-0) but the recommendation is moot under Section 59.52(31)(d), 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 June 15, 2017, recommended adoption of File No. 17-429 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Transportation, is authorized to enter into a 2017 Section 85.20 Urban Mass Transit Operating Assistance Contract with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, and to realize the 2017 budgeted operating revenue in support of Milwaukee County Transit System fixed-route and paratransit operations.