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From the Interim Director, Department of Transportation, requesting authorization to execute a Grant Agreement with the Federal Transit Administration for the 2017 Section 5307 Federal Urbanized Area Formula Grant Program, allowing Milwaukee County to realize \$22,791,756 in Federal grant revenue as a budgeted offset to expenditures in support of Milwaukee County Transit System capital projects, and fixed route and paratransit operations, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, per Section 59.52(31) of the 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 Section 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 \$22,791,756 is available for Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) capital and operating projects in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit, at its meeting of October 18, 2017, recommended adoption of File No. 17-689 (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 October 30, 2017, recommended adoption of File No. 17-689 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED, the Interim Director, Department of Transportation, is authorized to execute a Grant Agreement with the Federal Transit Administration for the 2017 Section 5307 Federal Urbanized Area Formula Grant Program, allowing Milwaukee County to realize \$22,791,756 in Federal grant revenue as a budgeted offset to expenditures in support of Milwaukee County Transit System capital projects, and fixed route and paratransit operations.

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