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From the Director, Department of Transportation, requesting authorization to file a grant application with the Federal Transit Administration for Federal Fiscal Year 2019 Section 5339(c) Low or No Emission Grant Program funding, in the amount of \$1.7 million, to aid in the financing of four battery electric buses for the Milwaukee County Transit System, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, per Section 56.06, Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances, authorization from the appropriate standing committee of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors is required prior to applying for discretionary Federal or State grants that require a local match; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration recently announced the opportunity to apply for \$85 million in competitive grants under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Section 5339(c) Low or No Emission Grant Program (the Program); and

WHEREAS, as required by Federal public transportation law, funds will be awarded competitively for the purchase or lease of low-or-no emission vehicles that use advanced technologies for transit operations, including related equipment or facilities; and

WHEREAS, the grant awards require a minimum 15 percent local match, and applications are due May 14, 2019; and

WHEREAS, in FY 2018, the Program received applications for 151 projects, requesting a total of \$558 million, and 52 projects were funded at a total cost of \$84.5 million, an average of \$1.6 million per award; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation intends to apply for \$1.7 million in Program funds, leveraging local funds previously appropriated in Capital Project WT124 – Battery-Electric Bus Acquisitions (the Project); and

WHEREAS, the Project initiates the transition of Milwaukee County Transit System buses to battery electric buses (BEBs), and away from fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the \$1.7 million Program application will propose to purchase four BEBs at an estimated cost of \$850,000 per bus, while providing a 50 percent local matching share, currently available in the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit, at its meeting of May 8, 2019, recommended adoption of File No. 19-439 (vote 3-2); and

46 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance and Audit, at its meeting of May 16,
47 2019, recommended adoption of File No. 19-439 (vote 6-1); now, therefore,
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49 BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Transportation (DOT), is hereby
50 authorized to submit a Low or No Emissions grant application, for \$1.7 million in Federal
51 funding, to aid in the financing of four battery electric buses for the Milwaukee County
52 Transit System; and
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54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the DOT will bring any awarded grant back to the
55 Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors requesting authorization to execute a contract.
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