From the Director, Department of Transportation, requesting authorization to submit six (6) applications for Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Grant Funding to aid in the financing of future operating and capital projects, by recommending adoption of the following:

A REVISED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, per Section 56.06, Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances, authorization is required from the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) to apply for and execute discretionary Federal or State grants that require a local match; and

WHEREAS, since 1991, the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has received Federal funds to administer a variety of transportation improvement programs, including the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, WisDOT administers CMAQ Improvement Program grants on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration to fund transportation-related projects that improve air quality and reduce congestion in air quality non-attainment areas, including Milwaukee County (the County); and

WHEREAS, the County has successfully applied for, and received, CMAQ Improvement Program grants in the past for various transit and transportation services related projects; and

WHEREAS, in June 2019, after the deadline for the County Board's July committee cycle, the Department of Transportation (DOT) received notice of and application guidelines for the 2020 through 2024 CMAQ Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the DOT subsequently prepared and submitted two transportation services and four transit CMAQ grant applications prior to the August 1, 2019, deadline; and

WHEREAS, the project applications submitted are as follows:

 Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) Bus Rapid Transit Operating Funds for 2024.

Marketing Activities for MCTS.

MCTS Bus Replacement Program – for replacement buses in 2023.

 Expansion of MCTS Mobile Application/Enhanced Fare Collection System.
Traffic Signal Improvements on Silver Spring Drive.

 Traffic Signal Improvements on Oklahoma Avenue, South 76th, and South 92nd Streets. 48 ; and

WHEREAS, consistent with past practice and Wisconsin State Statutes, once the department is made aware of selected projects by WisDOT, a report and resolution will be provided to the County Board requesting acceptance of any WisDOT awarded grants; and

WHEREAS, projects selected for CMAQ Improvement Program grant funding will then be included in the appropriate operating or capital budgets, or authorized by fund transfer process over the grant period, along with the required 20 percent local matching contribution; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit, at its meeting of October 23, 2019, recommended adoption of File No. 19-701 (vote 3-0-1); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Transportation (DOT), is retroactively authorized to submit six applications for Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program grant funding to aid in the financing of future Milwaukee County Transit System operating and capital projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the DOT will request formal Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approval of the 20 percent local matching share, should any of the CMAQ Improvement Program projects be approved for funding.

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