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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:

**AN ENGROSSED 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 76<sup>th</sup>, and South 92<sup>nd</sup> Streets.

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

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

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

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

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69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the DOT will request formal Milwaukee County  
70 Board of Supervisors (County Board) approval of the 20 percent local matching share,  
71 should any of the CMAQ Improvement Program projects be approved for funding; **and**

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73 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if Milwaukee County is awarded a CMAQ**  
74 **Improvement Program grant, the DOT shall return to the County Board with**  
75 **available options and alternatives for review and approval of a specific spending**  
76 **plan for the funds that complies with grant regulations.**

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