

From the Director, Department of Transportation, Requesting Authorization to Enter Into a Federal Section 5339(c) Low or No Emissions Grant Program Contract and Accept \$1,700,000 in Federal Grant Revenue, by recommending adoption of the following:

### A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, per Section 59.52(31), Wisconsin State Statutes, approval of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors is required to enter into a contract that exceeds \$300,000; and

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

WHEREAS, as required by Federal public transportation law, funds were to 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, projects could include costs incidental to the acquisition of buses or the construction of necessary facilities; and

WHEREAS, as authorized by Adopted File No. 19-439, the Department of Transportation (DOT) applied for \$1.7 million in Low-No Grant funds, leveraging local funds previously appropriated in Capital Project WT124 – Battery-Electric Bus (BEB) Acquisitions; and

WHEREAS, the \$1.7 million Low-No Grant application submitted by the DOT proposed to purchase four BEBs at an estimated cost of \$850,000 per bus, while providing a 50 percent local matching share currently available in Capital Project WT124 – BEB Acquisitions; and

WHEREAS, the FTA received 155 eligible proposals requesting nearly \$500 million in Low-No Grant funding, and project proposals were evaluated based on each applicant's responsiveness to the program evaluation criteria; and

WHEREAS, in July 2019, the DOT was notified that it would receive the full \$1.7 million requested in Milwaukee County's (the County) application, and the \$1.7 million grant can only be used for the purchase of BEBs; and

WHEREAS, there is no budgetary impact as the local matching share required to accept the Low-No Grant is currently available in Capital Project WT124 - BEB Acquisitions; and

47 WHEREAS, the DOT will prepare and submit an appropriation transfer request  
48 that increases both expenditure authority and Federal revenue by \$1.7 million in Capital  
49 Project WT124 - BEB Acquisitions, thereby resulting in no net change in the County's  
50 financial commitment; and  
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52 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance and Audit, at its meeting of  
53 December 12, 2019, recommended adoption of File No. 19-911 (vote 6-0); now,  
54 therefore,  
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56 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby  
57 authorizes the Director, Department of Transportation, to enter into a contract with the  
58 Federal Transit Administration for a Federal Fiscal Year 2019 Section 5339(c) Low-No  
59 Emissions Grant, and to accept \$1,700,000 in Federal grant revenue for Capital Project  
60 WT124 - Battery-Electric Bus Acquisitions.  
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