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Good morning Mr. Chairman and Transit Committee members. My name is Thomas Stawicki, Legislative Director of Amalgamated Transit Union Local 998 writing on behalf of AtU998 President James Macon and Vice-President Michael Bautch. We will be commenting on the following;

Item 2 (20-434) ATU998 strongly agrees with the resolution that would allow communities across the state to collect fees from TNC trips. We understand the amount charged would be a small portion of the total bill, but could have a large impact on the bottom line of communities throughout the State of Wisconsin. The fees generated could go to funding public transportation operations, fixing our aging roads, or any transportation related projects that a community faces. This approach across the country has generated Millions of Dollars in collected fees that assist several cities budgets in these trying times. It could also have a direct impact on Item 6, file 20-406 of this agenda.

Item 3 (20-407) Although ATU998 believes that most areas of Title VI are in compliance, we still have concerns. We believe there in not enough being done in upper management to hire, promote, train, and retain women and persons of color for management positions. We would also like an explanation as to why senior operators and mechanics are leaving MCTS in record numbers, while newer members are being discharged at a very high rate. We further believe that ANY route reductions, regardless of its location, will adversely affect citizens in certain segments of our community.

Item 4 (20-410) ATU998 agrees that CMAQ Funding plays a huge part in the budgeting of MCTS operations. However, over $2.5 Million Dollars for Marketing and Mobile Apps seems a little excessive. We believe CMAQ funding should be used for what it is intended to be used for, buses and routes.

Item 6 (20-406) ATU998 agrees that going forward, budgeting for not only MCTS, but the entire County, will be a challenge. Every dollar spent must be accounted for. This is why ATU998 has submitted an Open Records Request with MCTS as to the expenditures related to the pandemic. We feel that we have the right to know where the Federal Grant Money from the CARES Act has gone to, where it is currently being spent, and to where it will be going to in the future.

Item 8 (20-8) ATU998 has not changed its position on MCTS Next and stands firm in opposition. Although we believe route configurations and combinations can create better service in some parts of the County, we also believe it can harm passengers in other parts of the County. With an aging population, we should not be forcing people to walk farther to public transportation, and we should not be taking away service to places of employment, worship, healthcare, or education.

Respectfully submitted,

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