

A resolution by Supervisors Ortiz-Velez, Shea, and Clancy, supporting State of Wisconsin legislation which would enable counties to impose fees on transportation network company (TNC) rides with the revenues supporting local transportation costs, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin (the State) unfairly treats regulation of different types of ride-hailing services differently, mainly traditional taxicabs versus Transportation Network Companies (TNCs):

- TNCs, whose service depends on a “Digital Network” defined under Section 440.40(1), Wisconsin State Statutes (State Statutes), as “any Internet site or online-enabled application, software, or system that permits the prearrangement of transportation network services,” cannot be regulated by local governments, due to preemption in Section 440.465(1), State Statutes, created by 2015 Wisconsin Act 16

; and

WHEREAS, ride-hailing vehicles generally use public roads more intensively than private automobiles; and

WHEREAS, taxicab drivers help pay for municipal services by paying fees while obtaining municipal licensure under Section 349.24, State Statutes, and TNCs do not; and

WHEREAS, the Eno Center for Transportation reports seven large cities and 12 states across the country, excluding the State, raise revenues from TNC trips, so TNC riders help support the public services they benefit from; and

WHEREAS, it is only fair that all types of ride-hailing services pay their fair share toward the municipal services they utilize; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit, at its meeting of June 10, 2020, recommended adoption of File No. 20-434 (vote 4-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, Milwaukee County (the County) hereby supports State of Wisconsin (the State) legislation which enables Wisconsin counties to impose fees on Transportation Network Company trips, the revenues of which would go toward County and municipal transportation-related purposes; and

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of Government Affairs staff is
47 authorized and requested to communicate the contents of this resolution to State
48 policymakers, and support legislation that achieves the criteria outlined in this
49 resolution.

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