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From the Director, Department of Transportation, Requesting Acceptance of Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Funding for SFY 2020-2024, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin (the State) Department of Transportation (WisDOT) administers Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program grants on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of these funds is to improve air quality and reduce congestion in air quality non-attainment areas, including Milwaukee County (the County); and

WHEREAS, for many years, the County applied for and received CMAQ Program grants for various transit and transportation services-related projects; and

WHEREAS, CMAQ Program projects must comply with applicable Federal laws and State requirements, and generally fall into one of three categories:

- projects that reduce vehicle trips and/or vehicle miles traveled
- projects that reduce emissions by improving traffic congestion
- projects that reduce emissions through improved vehicle and fuel technologies

; and

WHEREAS, CMAQ Program funding is not a permanent source for administrative and operating costs, and based upon current guidance regarding Federal operating assistance, funding for new public transit services is limited to three years of funding, that may be used over five years; and

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2020, the Department of Transportation (DOT) was notified by WisDOT that projects have been awarded \$18,982,957 in Federal funding, and the attached spreadsheet details the projects that were approved as submitted and approved for partial funds, and all DOT proposed projects were approved; and

WHEREAS, CMAQ Program projects require 20 percent local matching funds contribution, and total approved project costs of \$23,728,696 would be funded by \$18,982,957 in Federal funding, and \$4,745,39 in required County matching funds, of which the \$18,982,957 in Federal funds includes \$18,068,797 for transit services and \$914,160 for the highways; and

WHEREAS, the DOT recommends the County accept the Federal CMAQ Program funds for approved projects; and

48 WHEREAS, subsequently, as the start dates for each of the approved projects
49 are refined in coordination with WisDOT, DOT would identify the individual project and
50 funding, including the required County matching contribution for each project, as part of
51 the annual budget process over the grant period; and

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53 WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit, at its
54 meeting of June 10, 2020, considered File No. 20-410 for information only; and

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56 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of June 18, 2020,
57 recommended adoption of File No. 20-410 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

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59 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorizes
60 acceptance of \$18,982,957 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program funds,
61 covering the grant award period of State of Wisconsin Fiscal Years 2020-2024.

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