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From the Director, Department of Transportation, Proposing Modifications to Transit Route 19 - Improving Operator Layovers and Increasing Service Efficiency, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) Route 19 bus route (the Route) serves a major transit corridor on Atkinson Avenue, Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, South 13th Street and South 20th Street between Silver Spring Drive and College Avenue; and

WHEREAS, MCTS seeks to extend the northern end of the Route to Florist Avenue and Teutonia Avenue to improve access for operators to restrooms at the end of the route, to address operational routing issues, and to provide direct transit service to residents along 35th Street between Silver Spring Drive and Florist Avenue; and

WHEREAS, MCTS also seeks to increase the efficiency of the Route by removing service from seldom used bus stops on a segment of the Route, on South 20th Street, south of College Avenue, where buses carry an average of five riders per day (fewer on weekends); and

WHEREAS, this modification would not incur any additional cost, as no additional buses would be needed to implement this change; and

WHEREAS, the frequency of service would remain comparable to current service levels; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned modifications suggest they will have a positive impact on advancing racial equity based on practical considerations, i.e., the extension will provide new service to a predominantly African American neighborhood, and the frequency of service will remain comparable to existing levels for riders; and

WHEREAS, if approved, MCTS would commence with outreach and engagement activities with riders and stakeholders along the route; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit, at its meeting of July 8, 2020, recommended adoption of File No. 20-467 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Milwaukee County Transit System to modify Northern and Southern ends of Route 19, effective August 30, 2020, as recommended.