

From the Director, Department of Transportation, Requesting to Transfer Bus Purchase Bond Funds to Kinnickinnic HVAC and North South Transit Enhancement Study Project, by recommending adoption of the following:

**AN AMENDED REVISED RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the 2021 Adopted Capital Budget includes Capital Project WT125 - Bus Replacement Program-2021 (the Program), funding the purchase of 14 diesel buses with \$6,965,000 in bond proceeds; and

WHEREAS, the combined purchase price for these 14 buses exceeds the budgeted expenditure authority by \$153,944; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County) has funding available via the Federal Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Program, which requires a minimum 20 percent local match; and

WHEREAS, the Kinnickinnic Facility (KK Facility) is currently unable to accommodate the Battery Electric Buses scheduled for delivery beginning in early 2022, due to clearance issues with the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system; and

WHEREAS, the estimated construction cost for Capital Project WT108 - KK Facility HVAC System Replacement is approximately \$1,570,000; and

WHEREAS, the nascent North-South Transit Enhancement Study/Project (the Project) is estimated to cost a minimum of \$9.5 million for preliminary engineering, design, and environmental review; and

WHEREAS, the Project will largely focus on improving transit service to underserved communities, and advance the County's mission toward racial equity; and

**WHEREAS, as noted in File No. 20-897, the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) is performing the initial study and is planning to submit a report by the end of 2021 to the County with recommendations allowing the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) to make a policy decision regarding a transit enhancement project in the 27<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor that would authorize the Department of Transportation to apply for and receive a Federal grant; and**

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43 WHEREAS, the County Board adopted File No. 21-314 on March 25, 2021,  
44 which authorized \$5,360,000 in general obligation bonds/notes for a new Capital  
45 Project, WE123012 - Mental Health Emergency Center, the result of which led the  
46 County to exceed its self-imposed bonding limit for 2021 by \$5,360,000; and

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48 WHEREAS, File No. 21-314 also committed the County to reducing the self-  
49 imposed bonding cap for 2022 by \$5,360,000 to account for the additional  
50 bonding granted to fund the Mental Health Emergency Center; and

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52 WHEREAS, up to \$3,771,625 of bond proceeds currently allocated to the  
53 Program could be transferred to other eligible projects and/or used to mitigate the  
54 County exceeding its self-imposed bonding limit; and

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56 WHEREAS, reallocating bond proceeds to transit projects that are ready to  
57 move forward, such as the Bus Replacement Program and KK HVAC  
58 Replacement Project, while reducing bonding authority for the North-South  
59 Transit Enhancement Project until the SEWRPC study is complete would:

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  - 62 • Allow the County Executive and County Board to review the  
63 SEWRPC report later in 2021 and determine which transit  
64 enhancement option should be supported with an allocation of bond  
65 funds, and
  - 66 • Increase the self-imposed bonding limit for 2022 by \$2,201,625, from  
67 the \$5,360,000 reduction that would otherwise be needed to  
68 accommodate the extra bonding authorized in 2021 for the Mental  
69 Health Emergency Center that led the County to exceed its self-  
70 imposed cap
  - 71 • Provide policymakers an opportunity to assess the capital  
72 improvement requests for 2022 through the Capital Improvement  
73 Committee process and budget hearings to determine the amount of  
74 funds that should be allocated a North-South Transit Enhancement  
75 Project in the 2022 Capital Improvement Budget

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80 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of April 15, 2021,  
81 recommended adoption of File No. 21-273 as amended (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

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83 BE IT RESOLVED, the Department of Administrative Services and the  
84 Office of the Comptroller are hereby authorized to execute an administrative fund  
85 transfer to implement the following changes:  
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- Increase expenditure authority for vehicle purchases in Capital Project WT125 - Bus Replacement Program - 2021 by \$153,944 and increase Federal grant revenue by \$3,925,569
- Reduce bonding authority for Capital Improvement Project WT125 - Bus Replacement Program by \$3,771,625 to reflect the new grant revenue received to purchase the 14 buses and reduce Milwaukee County's (the County) overall bonding authority for 2021 by \$2,201,625 and allocate \$1,570,000 to Capital Project WT108 - Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Kinnickinnic Bus Storage/Washhouse to finance the construction phase of the project

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby supports Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) efforts to provide an in-depth study advising how the County may enhance transit services along 27<sup>th</sup> Street so residents may move around more easily without needing an automobile.

~~BE IT RESOLVED, expenditure authority for vehicle purchases in Capital Project WT125 - Bus Replacement Program 2021 is increased by \$153,944 and Federal grant revenue is increased by \$3,925,569; and~~

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Capital Project WT108 - Kinnickinnic Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Replacement construction phase is authorized and funded with \$1,570,000 in bond proceeds transferred from Capital Project WT125 - Bus Replacement Program 2021; and~~

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, new Capital Project WTXXX - North-South Transit Enhancement Project is created and funded with \$2,201,625 in bond proceeds transferred from Capital Project WT125 - Bus Replacement Program 2021; and~~

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Department of Administrative Services and the Office of the Comptroller are hereby authorized to execute an administrative fund transfer to implement the changes authorized herein.~~

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