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3 From the Director, Department of Transportation, Requesting Authorization to Apply for
4 and Receive (if awarded) Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and
5 Surface Transportation Program (STP) Grant Funds, by recommending adoption of the
6 following:
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8 **AN AMENDED RESOLUTION**

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10 WHEREAS, per Section 56.06 of the Milwaukee County Code of General
11 Ordinances, authorization is required by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors to
12 apply for and execute discretionary Federal or State grants that require a local match;
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15 WHEREAS, since 1991, the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation
16 (WisDOT) has received Federal funds to administer a variety of transportation
17 improvement programs, including the **Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)**
18 **and Surface Transportation Program (STP) grant programs**; and
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20 WHEREAS, WisDOT administers CMAQ **and STP** grants on behalf of the
21 Federal Highway Administration to **respectively** fund transportation-related projects that
22 improve air quality, and reduce congestion in air quality non-attainment areas including
23 Milwaukee County (the County), **and improve local urban road safety and higher**
24 **function local roads not part of the State Trunk Highway system**; and
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26 WHEREAS, the County has successfully applied for, and received CMAQ and
27 STP grants in the past for various transit and transportation services related projects;
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30 **WHEREAS, in 2007 the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorized**
31 **and directed “the Parks Director to adopt its Trail Network Plan for the expansion**
32 **and maintenance of the County’s recreation trails” (File No. 07-292); and**
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34 **WHEREAS, to address trail inequities and to support the development of**
35 **trails on the northwest side of the County, the Milwaukee County Parks applied**
36 **for and received a Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant from WisDOT**
37 **to create the “Northwest Side and Lincoln Creek Trail Connectivity Plan”**
38 **(File No. 20-89); and**
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40 **WHEREAS, the County expressed general support for trail extensions as**
41 **outlined in the Milwaukee County Parks’ Trail Network Plan in File No. 21-553; and**
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43 WHEREAS, awarded projects for CMAQ and STP require a minimum 20 percent
44 local matching funds contribution from the County; and
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46 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation will submit CMAQ and STP
47 applications prior to the respective deadlines of August 2, 2021, and October 15, 2021;
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50 WHEREAS, the project applications planned for submission are as
51 follows:

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- 53 • MCTS Bus Replacement Program:
 - 54 ○ 41 buses under CMAQ (approximately \$18 million Federal, \$4.6 million
55 local)
 - 56 ○ 23 buses under STP (approximately \$10 million Federal, \$2.6 million
57 local)
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 - 59 • **Lincoln Creek and Northwest Side Trail Connectivity Plan**
 - 60 ○ **Beerline Trail Extension under CMAQ (approximately \$1.6 million**
61 **Federal, \$400,000 local)**
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63 **; and**

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65 **WHEREAS, a partnership with the City of Milwaukee on the Beerline Trail**
66 **extension has led to the City committing to pay 50 percent of the local matching**
67 **cost should a grant be awarded for that project; and**
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69 WHEREAS, projects selected for CMAQ or STP funding will then be included in
70 the appropriate capital budget(s), or authorized by fund transfer process over the grant
71 period along with the required 20 percent local matching contribution; and
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73 WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit, at
74 its meeting of July 14, 2021, considered File No. 21-601 for informational purposes
75 only, per Section 59.52(31)(d), Wisconsin State Statutes; and
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77 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of July 26, 2021,
78 recommended adoption of File No. 21-601 as amended (vote 7-0); now, therefore,
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80 BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Transportation (DOT), is
81 authorized to submit applications for Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
82 (CMAQ) and Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding, to aid in the financing of
83 future transit and transportation services operating and capital projects; and
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85 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the DOT will request formal Milwaukee County
86 Board of Supervisors approval of the 20 percent local matching share, should
87 any of the CMAQ or STP projects be approved for funding by inclusion of said projects
88 in the year-appropriate capital budget or via fund transfer.
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