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From the Director, Department of Transportation and the President and Managing Director of the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS), Recommending Approval of MCTS Continuing to Operate Route 81 for the Rest of 2021 Using Funds Held in Allocated Contingency in Org. Unit 5600, by Adoption of the Following Resolution, by recommending adoption of the following:

AN AMENDED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) Route 81 (the Route) is designed to improve job access - a key component towards advancing racial equity - for residents within Milwaukee County, by connecting both the near North and South Sides of Milwaukee, to the Amazon Distribution Center in the City of Oak Creek (the City), hereafter referred to as Amazon MKE2; and

WHEREAS, Amazon MKE2 opened in Fall 2020, and operation of the Route was initiated at that same time, after the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors appropriated money for the Route through the end of the year (2020); and

WHEREAS, 2021 Adopted Budget Amendment 1A004 included the following:

“For 2021, transit service for Route 81 will be funded through August with the remaining funding set aside in an allocated contingency account in Org. Unit 5600. MCDOT and MCTS in July 2021 will present an action report based on ridership data to the County Board which may decide to continue the route, otherwise Route 81 service will terminate by September 6, 2021, in line with when MCTS schedules normally change.”

; and

WHEREAS, since its opening in October 2020, Amazon MKE2 has become the City’s largest employer, with 1,500 jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Route has met original ridership estimates, and is averaging approximately 100 riders per day; and

WHEREAS, to date, the Route has provided more than 13,000 rides between the City of Milwaukee and Amazon MKE2; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of July 26, 2021, recommended adoption of File No. 21-596 as amended (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

44 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorizes the
45 President and Managing Director, Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS), to
46 continue operating Route 81 (the Route) for the remainder of 2021, using funds held in
47 Allocated Contingency, in Org. Unit 5600; and
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49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the President and Managing Director, MCTS, will
50 budget for the continuation of the Route in the 2022 Requested Operating Budget ~~for~~
51 **2022;** and
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53 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of the Comptroller and Department**
54 **of Administrative Services, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget, are**
55 **authorized to transfer appropriations of \$58,664 from Allocated Contingency**
56 **(Account 78951) in Org. Unit 5605 Transit Board to Transit Operations (Account**
57 **76000) in Org. Unit 5605.**
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