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COUNTY EXECUTIVE SEEKS CHANGE IN STATE LAW TO FUND MASS TRANSIT

Car rental fee already approved for transit should be used for Milwaukee County buses

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Executive Lee Holloway released the following statement Tuesday morning:

“Property tax relief is the number one tax issue for the residents of Milwaukee County. This week, the County Board’s Intergovernmental Relations Committee failed to approve my plan to seek every possible funding source for transit to hold down property taxes. The elderly, struggling homeowners and renters would all benefit from this plan, whether they live in South Milwaukee, Wauwatosa or the City of Milwaukee.

“As I told the Committee, “Every little bit helps.” Some on the County Board want a grand slam on transit funding. I, however, can live with a double.

“As County Executive, I know the fight for our fair share of state dollars in Shared Revenue will be tough in this budget. I urge the full County Board on Thursday to pursue the car rental fee option. While it’s not nearly enough to offset the property tax levy support the County now provides for its bus system, it’s still a major step.

“Because he is from Milwaukee County, Governor Walker knows our challenges here. When he introduces his State Budget next month, it is essential he support Milwaukee County in its effort to remove transit from the property tax. The car rental tax change I seek is an important first step.”

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