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STATEMENT ON JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE ACTION ON RTA

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Board Chairman Lee Holloway released the following statement in response to the State Legislature’s Joint Finance Committee action related to dedicated funding for mass transit, parks, cultural and emergency medical services in Milwaukee County:

“The Committee’s decision to approve a motion that is largely consistent with the referendum approved by Milwaukee County voters in November is appreciated. In particular, I thank Senator Lena Taylor, Representative Pedro Colón, and Representative Tamara Grigsby for their support and leadership in advancing this important motion.

“The creation of a Regional Transit Authority in Milwaukee County is the first step in modernizing the delivery of mass transit services in Milwaukee County and beyond. The action taken this morning contributes to the development of a comprehensive transportation system in Milwaukee County. Stabilizing funding for our bus system is an important component that will be viewed favorably by the Federal Transit Administration.

“We at the County Board took the bold step of holding the referendum in Milwaukee County, and we intend to continue working with members of the Legislature to make sure that Milwaukee County can effectively lower property taxes and dedicate funding to mass transit, parks, recreation, culture and emergency medical services. I am determined to use dedicated funding to reduce the property tax burden on County residents.”

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