

1 By Supervisor Mayo

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A RESOLUTION

5 Urging the State of Wisconsin to Adopt Senate Joint Resolution 4 to require that the
6 revenues generated by the state transportation system be deposited into a
7 transportation fund and requiring the legislature to create such a fund and a department
8 of transportation

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10 WHEREAS, Wisconsin's transportation infrastructure is a fundamental
11 component of its ability to attract and retain business and produce jobs; and

12 WHEREAS, gas tax and vehicle registration fees comprise over 85% of the
13 state's segregated transportation account although revenues from these two fees have
14 been declining and are insufficient to meet the transportation needs in this state; and

15 WHEREAS, Wisconsin's past practice of replacing the dollars transferred from
16 the state's segregated transportation fund with general obligation (GO) bonds in the
17 undesirable position of bonding to fund ongoing operations; and

18 WHEREAS, the debt service for these bonds is being paid out of the state's
19 general fund which hinders its ability to fund other programs like Shared Revenue,
20 Youth Aids, Community Aids and Circuit Court Operations which greatly impact
21 Milwaukee County; and

22 WHEREAS, fifty-three counties in the fall of 2010 placed an advisory referendum
23 on the ballot asking "Should the Wisconsin Constitution be amended to prohibit any
24 further transfers or lapses from the segregated transportation fund?", with more than
25 70% of the voters across the state voting in support; and

26 WHEREAS, if the legislation is approved for a second consecutive session of the
27 Legislature, Wisconsin voters would have an opportunity to vote in 2014 on this
28 proposed constitutional amendment; and

29 WHEREAS, Senate Joint Resolution 4 would amend the Wisconsin State
30 Constitution, subject to voter approval, to require that the revenues generated by the
31 state transportation system be deposited into a transportation fund and require the
32 legislature to create such a fund and a department of transportation; and

33 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County relies on funding from the segregated
34 transportation fund for public transit assistance, highway maintenance, expressway
35 patrols and other critical transportation funding needs; now, therefore,

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37 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
38 supports the passage of 2013 Senate Joint Resolution 4 to require that the revenues
39 generated by the state transportation system be deposited into a transportation fund
40 and requiring the legislature to create such a fund and a department of transportation;
41 and

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Intergovernmental Relations is
43 authorized and directed to communicate the contents of this resolution to State
44 policymakers and others to help ensure its passage.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY FISCAL NOTE FORM

DATE: 1/29/13

Original Fiscal Note

Substitute Fiscal Note

SUBJECT: A resolution urging the State of Wisconsin to Adopt Senate Joint Resolution 4 to require that the revenues generated by the state transportation system be deposited into a transportation fund and requiring the legislature to create such a fund and a department of transportation

FISCAL EFFECT:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Direct County Fiscal Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Expenditures |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing Staff Time Required | <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Expenditures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Expenditures
(If checked, check one of two boxes below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Revenues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Absorbed Within Agency's Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Revenues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not Absorbed Within Agency's Budget | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Expenditures | <input type="checkbox"/> Use of contingent funds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Revenues | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Revenues | |

Indicate below the dollar change from budget for any submission that is projected to result in increased/decreased expenditures or revenues in the current year.

	Expenditure or Revenue Category	Current Year	Subsequent Year
Operating Budget	Expenditure	0	0
	Revenue	0	0
	Net Cost	0	0
Capital Improvement Budget	Expenditure	0	0
	Revenue	0	0
	Net Cost	0	0

DESCRIPTION OF FISCAL EFFECT

In the space below, you must provide the following information. Attach additional pages if necessary.

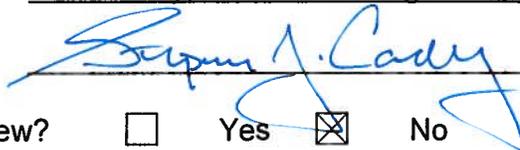
- A. Briefly describe the nature of the action that is being requested or proposed, and the new or changed conditions that would occur if the request or proposal were adopted.
- B. State the direct costs, savings or anticipated revenues associated with the requested or proposed action in the current budget year and how those were calculated.¹ If annualized or subsequent year fiscal impacts are substantially different from current year impacts, then those shall be stated as well. In addition, cite any one-time costs associated with the action, the source of any new or additional revenues (e.g. State, Federal, user fee or private donation), the use of contingent funds, and/or the use of budgeted appropriations due to surpluses or change in purpose required to fund the requested action.
- C. Discuss the budgetary impacts associated with the proposed action in the current year. A statement that sufficient funds are budgeted should be justified with information regarding the amount of budgeted appropriations in the relevant account and whether that amount is sufficient to offset the cost of the requested action. If relevant, discussion of budgetary impacts in subsequent years also shall be discussed. Subsequent year fiscal impacts shall be noted for the entire period in which the requested or proposed action would be implemented when it is reasonable to do so (i.e. a five-year lease agreement shall specify the costs/savings for each of the five years in question). Otherwise, impacts associated with the existing and subsequent budget years should be cited.
- D. Describe any assumptions or interpretations that were utilized to provide the information on this form.

Approval of this resolution will indicate Milwaukee County's support for State 2013 Senate Joint Resolution 4 legislation.

Approval will not require an expenditure of funds, but will require staff time to communicate its contents to state policymakers.

Department/Prepared By Steve Cady, Fiscal and Budget Analyst, County Board

Authorized Signature



Did DAS-Fiscal Staff Review? Yes No

¹ If it is assumed that there is no fiscal impact associated with the requested action, then an explanatory statement that justifies that conclusion shall be provided. If precise impacts cannot be calculated, then an estimate or range should be provided.