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**WORKING TOGETHER, COUNTY BOARD READY TO MOVE FORWARD
ON TRANSIT CENTER REDEVELOPMENT**

Milwaukee, WI – A coalition of Milwaukee County Supervisors introduced a comprehensive plan today to move forward on the redevelopment of the Downtown Transit Center.

“The Committee needs to see all the proposals before moving forward. It is very simple – we have come together with a solid plan to move forward contingent upon all information being shared,” said Chairwoman Dimitrijevic. “If the Executive Branch again fails to provide the requested information to the Committee, it would be an obstruction to development on the Downtown Transit Center site.”

“There was no legislative plan developed by the County Executive, so the County Board is stepping in to shepherd this through the legislative process and make this exciting development a reality,” Chairwoman Dimitrijevic said. “Our enhanced plan protects taxpayers, allows the public to participate, includes minority participation and respects the downtown lakefront.”

A special meeting of the Economic & Community Development Committee will consider a resolution authored by the coalition of Supervisors on Monday, July 23 at 9 a.m. At this meeting, the Committee is expected to receive all responses to the Request for Information (RFI) and consider a recommendation to begin negotiations with one of the respondents in the proper manner by including the following essential elements:

- Citizen engagement through a series of accessible public hearings
- Protection of the taxpayer by requesting fair market value for the property
- Reinvestment of sale proceeds into mass transit
- Commitment to local and minority hiring goals

“I believe this land, one of the most valuable properties available in Wisconsin, is worth millions,” Chairwoman Dimitrijevic added. “Any sale of this land below fair market value will be considered a subsidy to the developer, and should be a part of the negotiations.”

Because Monday’s meeting has been scheduled at a time when the Committee Chairwoman, Supervisor Patricia Jursik, is unable to attend, Board Chairwoman Dimitrijevic is temporarily designating Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr., to Chair this special meeting. Supervisor Jursik will be re-appointed as Committee Chair before the next County Board meeting on July 26.

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