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**COMMITTEE TAKES LEADERSHIP ON TRANSIT CENTER REDEVELOPMENT**  
*Negotiations will prioritize public benefit*

**Milwaukee, WI** – The County Board’s Economic & Community Development Committee this morning showed leadership by unanimously recommending negotiations with Barrett Visionary Development for the possible purchase of land currently housing the Downtown Transit Center.

“Now that the Administration finally has presented the Request for Information responses to the Committee, it is time to move forward. The County Board’s approach to the development of this valuable real estate is thoughtful and deliberate,” Chairwoman Dimitrijevic added. “The Committee will continue to engage citizens by holding public hearings before approving a final development agreement.”

“We are committed to the highest standards in hiring and contracting and look forward to providing prevailing wage jobs on the Couture project, including adhering to the spirit of the hiring goals that have been established in the PERC,” developer Rick Barrett said. “This has been a positive, productive process. It’s been a pleasure to work with Chairwoman Dimitrijevic, the County Board and County Executive Abele on one of the most exciting projects in Milwaukee’s history.”

The resolution approved this morning includes the following protections and benefits for the citizens and taxpayers of Milwaukee County:

- Stimulate the economy and create jobs by incorporating County’s Park East Redevelopment Compact (PERC) to provide community benefits, including employing minorities and women from Milwaukee County
- Determine whether any portion of the site is in filled lakebed subject to the public trust doctrine
- Solicit fair market value for the property
- Ensure that sale proceeds can be reinvested into transit services

*The full County Board will consider the resolution this Thursday, July 26 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 200 of the Milwaukee County Courthouse.*

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