



# *Milwaukee County*

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## **STATEMENT ON REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY FUNDING**

*Assembly Transportation Committee approves dedicated transit funding for Milwaukee County*

**Milwaukee, WI** – Milwaukee County Board Chairman Lee Holloway and Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr., released the following statement in response to the Assembly Transportation Committee’s vote regarding regional transit authorities and mass transit funding in Milwaukee County:

“We commend all Representatives who voted in favor of giving Milwaukee County the funding authority desperately needed to avoid drastic cuts in mass transit services. We appreciate this bipartisan first step and urge the Senate leadership to take similar action.

“In particular, we thank Representative Tamara Grigsby for her efforts to ensure that the Milwaukee County Transit System is the top priority for sales tax revenues raised in Milwaukee County. We also thank the members of the Milwaukee County Legislative Delegation who voted in favor of this substitute amendment, including Representative Jason Fields and Representative Christine Sinicki. Their continued support is essential to connect workers with jobs in Milwaukee County.

“If approved by the full legislature and Governor, dedicated funding would allow Milwaukee County to remove mass transit from the property tax levy and help fulfill the wishes of the more than 208,000 voters who approved an advisory referendum on dedicated funding in November 2008.”

“The Federal government has indicated that any application for funding the proposed Kenosha-Racine-Milwaukee commuter rail line will not be approved while existing bus systems along the corridor are raising fares and reducing service. Dedicated funding for existing systems is crucial in securing federal funds for commuter rail.”

*Chairman Holloway and Supervisor Mayo both serve as members of the Southeastern Regional Transit Authority.*

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