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Supervisors Applaud Adoption of Resolution Improving Milwaukee County Transit Safety and Security

MILWAUKEE – Today, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a [resolution](#) supporting the recommendations of the Milwaukee County Transit System’s (MCTS) Transit Safety and Security Task Force and encouraging the implementation of new security policies and practices. Supervisors Peter Burgelis, Patti Logsdon, Priscilla Coggs-Jones, and Juan Miguel Martinez, co-sponsors of the resolution, released the following statements:

“I applaud my colleagues who supported the Task Force recommendations for a safer transit system. This matter is now in the hands of the administration to develop a plan to implement our recommendations. The County Executive should include this important community investment in his 2024 proposed budget.” said Supervisor Burgelis.

Supervisor Logsdon added, *“We have waited too long for this - it is critically important that Milwaukee County does all we can to protect our bus passengers and operators. The County Board’s support of these recommendations is a step in the right direction.”*

Supervisor Priscilla Coggs-Jones echoed these sentiments, *“Addressing the calls and concerns of our MCTS operators and riders has been priority number one for the leadership of this task force. It’s through these collaborative efforts and our unified commitment that we see tangible change and enhanced safety for our riders and communities.”*

“My first action upon taking office was meeting with ATU 998, to ensure that measures were put in place to enhance their work conditions in ways that were previously unaddressed. I sought this position, above all, to champion the cause of the workers. This resolution takes a step in the right direction. Our next step is to ensure this recommendation is reflected in the 2024 budget. As we approach that hurdle, I will continue to advocate fiercely for our operators, as well as the riders who depend on our transit system.” Said Supervisor Martinez.

Recommendations provided by the task force include:

- Having all vehicles in use by persons tasked with safety and security on transit clearly identifiable, including the use of uniforms for safety and security personnel.
- In the event of an incident reported by an operator, a copy of the incident report, including the details of any completed or ongoing follow-up by MCTS, be provided to the operators involved within 48 hours of the incident.
- Clear guidance on best practices and procedures for handling passengers who fall asleep on the bus.
- That any policy solutions to safety and security address the needs of people who may be unhoused or using transit and transit infrastructure for temporary shelter or to escape the elements.
- That a member of the entity responsible for safety and security be assigned to the unit assigned to dispatch responses to incidents.

Also included in this resolution is a proposal for a “Transit Ranger” program which would consist of 51 Transit Rangers, four shift supervisors, one public safety manager, one Department of Health and Human Services liaison, and one Housing liaison.

The resolution was unanimously passed by the Committee on Transportation and Transit before being presented to the Milwaukee County Board. It will now be sent to the desk of County Executive David Crowley.

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