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Title: Opposing the Elimination of Regional Transit Authorities in Wisconsin.

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Sponsors: Chris Schmidt, Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, Bridget R. Maniaci and Satya V. Rhodes-Conway

Enactment Date:

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1	Council Office	02/17/2011	RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES 2.04, 2.05, 2.24, & 2.25 - MISC. ITEMS					
	Action Text:	This Resolution was RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES 2.04, 2.05, 2.24, & 2.25 - MISC. ITEMS						
	Notes:							
1	COMMON COUNCIL	02/22/2011	Adopt Under Suspension of Rules 2.04, 2.05, 2.24, and 2.25				Pass	
	Action Text:	A motion was made by Ald. Clear, seconded by Ald. Cnare, to Adopt Under Suspension of Rules 2.04, 2.05, 2.24, and 2.25 . The motion passed by the following vote:						
	Notes:	<p>Excused: 1 Tim Bruer</p> <p>Ayes: 17 Bridget R. Maniaci; Lauren Cnare; Michael E. Verveer; Shiva Bidar-Sielaff; Marsha A. Rummel; Steve King; Bryon A. Eagon; Paul E. Skidmore; Brian L. Solomon; Chris Schmidt; Satya V. Rhodes-Conway; Julia S. Kerr; Larry Palm; Judy Compton; Joseph R. Clausius; Michael Schumacher and Mark Clear</p> <p>Noes: 2 Thuy Pham-Remmele and Jed Sanborn</p>						

Text of Legislative File 21453

Fiscal Note

No appropriation required.

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Opposing the Elimination of Regional Transit Authorities in Wisconsin.

Body

WHEREAS, in the 2009 biennium budget the State of Wisconsin enabled the creation of RTAs in certain parts of the state, including in Dane County, which matches the MPO boundaries containing Madison, Middleton, Fitchburg, Sun Prairie, Verona, and other municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, the RTA has been formed and has developed a plan for building upon our existing bus system as well as other enhancements such as advancing Bus Rapid Transit and building park-and-rides; and,

WHEREAS, the RTA could go to referendum for a sales tax increase as soon as April 5, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, members of the new majority in the Legislature have long threatened to eliminate all Wisconsin RTAs and are now making good on that threat, having rejected attempts at compromise made by representatives from the City of Madison, Dane County, and elsewhere; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislative Fiscal Bureau has informed legislators that since Federal transit aid depends upon maintaining existing collective bargaining agreements, the so-called "Budget Repair Bill" could cost Wisconsin at least \$46.6m in transit aid, including \$7.1m for the Madison area;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Madison opposes the elimination of RTAs and urges the Wisconsin Assembly and Senate to support RTAs and transit throughout the state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Madison encourages the Dane County RTA to place its referendum question on the ballot for April 5, 2011, regardless of pending state legislation eliminating the RTA