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File Name: Authorizing a jurisdictional transfer agreement between the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the City of Madison for portions of S. Park Street, W. Washington Avenue, Proudfit Street, North Shore Drive, John Nolen Drive, and S. Blair Street; and

Final Action:

Title: Authorizing a jurisdictional transfer agreement between the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the City of Madison for portions of S. Park Street, W. Washington Avenue, Proudfit Street, North Shore Drive, John Nolen Drive, and S. Blair Street; and establishing a special revenue fund for transportation-related revenues and expenditures. (District 4, District 6, District 13, District 14)

Notes: Chris Petykowski

Sponsors: Noah L. Lieberman, Davy Mayer, Derek Field, Michael E. Verveer And Sean O'Brien

Effective Date:

Attachments: Park Street Jurisdictional Transfer Common Council.pdf, CH330_STHX151_EastWash_Draft.pdf, 070726_CC_public_comment.pdf, CH329_STHX151.pdf, RegistrantsReport 7.pdf, Public comment BPW meeting item 7.pdf

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History of Legislative File

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1	Engineering Division	07/01/2026	Referred for Introduction				
	Action Text:	This Resolution was Referred for Introduction					
	Notes:	Finance Committee (7/13/26), Transportation Commission (7/15/26), Board of Public Works (7/8/26), Common Council (7/21/26)					
1	COMMON COUNCIL	07/07/2026	Refer	FINANCE COMMITTEE			Pass
	Action Text:	A motion was made by Madison, seconded by Glenn, to Refer to the FINANCE COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.					
	Notes:	Additional referrals to Transportation Commission, Board of Public Works.					

1	FINANCE COMMITTEE	07/07/2026	Referred	TRANSPORTATI ON COMMISSION		
	Action Text: This Resolution was Referred to the TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION					
1	FINANCE COMMITTEE	07/07/2026	Referred	BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS		
	Action Text: This Resolution was Referred to the BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS					
1	BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS	07/08/2026	Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval	FINANCE COMMITTEE	07/13/2026	Pass
	Action Text: A motion was made by Ald. Guequierre, seconded by Williams, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the FINANCE COMMITTEE and should be returned by 7/13/2026. The motion passed by voice vote/other.					

Text of Legislative File 93777

Fiscal Note

This resolution authorizes a jurisdictional transfer agreement between the City of Madison and the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Under the agreement, the City will assume full responsibility for sections of US Highway 151 from the Beltline to Blair/ East Washington. The specific roadway segments subject to jurisdictional transfer are detailed in the body of the resolution and attachments.

Currently, the City and State share responsibility for these roadways. The City performs regular maintenance (e.g. snowplowing, patching potholes), the City and the State share responsibility for future reconstruction, and the State has authority for approval of any roadway changes under its policies. The City receives an annual state aid payment (Connecting Highway Aid) of approximately \$300,000 to offset maintenance costs.

Under the jurisdictional transfer agreement, the City will assume full responsibility for these roadways. The State would pay \$37 million to the City by September 30, 2026. These funds would be deposited in a new transportation special revenue fund for the purpose of transportation-related operating costs and capital improvements. The City would no longer receive the annual Connecting Highway aid or receive state funding for future reconstruction projects for these roadways. Expenses that were previously supported with State contributions would be paid with City funds, including the funds provided through this up-front payment.

Additionally, the resolution amends the budget for the North South Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) capital project in the Transportation budget (Munis #13665) to appropriate \$15 million of the funds received through the payment from the jurisdictional transfer.

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Body

WHEREAS, S. Park Street from W. Badger Road to W. Washington Avenue, W. Washington Avenue from S. Park Street to Proudfit Street, Proudfit Street, North Shore Drive, John Nolen Drive from North Shore Drive to S. Blair Street, and S. Blair Street from John Nolen Drive to E. Washington Avenue currently have the status of State Connecting Highways and the designation of US 151, and;

WHEREAS, these roadways are an integral part of the city, playing an important role in moving people and goods, supporting environmental sustainability, fostering economic activity and facilitating a wide array of uses and activities, and;

WHEREAS, the responsibility for these roadways is currently shared between the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the City of Madison, with the city performing regular maintenance, the city and the state sharing responsibility for future reconstruction, and the state having authority for approval of any roadway changes under its policies, and;

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation currently pays the city Connecting Highway Aids and would provide funding for a portion of future roadway reconstruction, and;

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation has found that the public good will best be served by removing these roadways from the state highway system and rerouting US 151, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Madison has concluded that its residents will benefit from the city having complete control of these roadways, and;

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the City of Madison have reached an agreement to transfer jurisdiction of these roadways, resulting in them being city-controlled streets, and;

WHEREAS, the agreement would transfer all reconstruction, design, operational, and permitting responsibilities to the city, with the city retaining maintenance and rehabilitation responsibilities, and;

WHEREAS, investment in transportation infrastructure, including roadways, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and transit equipment and facilities, along with the costs to operate and maintain that infrastructure, is critical to the City's economy and the well-being of its residents, and;

WHEREAS, allocating revenues toward our transportation needs will help with planning for prudent and effective investments now and in the future, and;

WHEREAS, the agreement includes a Cost to Cure payment to the city of \$37,000,000., to help defray the one-time, initial capital and operating costs to maintain these additional system miles and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Common Council authorizes the Mayor to sign a jurisdictional transfer agreement between the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the City of Madison for portions of S. Park Street, West Washington Avenue, Proudfit Street, North Shore Drive, John Nolen Drive, and S. Blair Street, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the payment received from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation related to this Jurisdictional Transfer will be deposited to a transportation special revenue fund for the purpose of transportation-related operating costs and Capital improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the North South BRT project (Munis #13665) in the 2026 budget is here by amended to replace the \$10,000,000 of WisDOT funding with \$15,000,000 of Other Government Payment for Services.

