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Supporting the creation of a Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)

Title: Supporting the creation of a Regional Transportation Authority that enables the expansion of multi-modal public transit in the Madison metropolitan area and supporting State legislation that would enable the formation of Regional Transportation Authorities.

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1	Council Office	06/13/2007	Refer for Introduction				
	Notes:		<i>Common Council Meeting 7/3/07</i>				
1	COMMON COUNCIL	06/19/2007	Refer to a future Meeting to Adopt		07/03/2007		
	Notes:		<i>Adopt at the 7/3/07 Common Council Meeting.</i>				
1	COMMON COUNCIL	07/03/2007	Refer	Mayor's Office	07/17/2007		Pass
	Verbose Action:		for a substitute to be drafted.				
	Notes:		<i>Due back at the 7/17/07 Common Council Meeting.</i>				

Text of Legislative File 06762

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No appropriation required.

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WHEREAS, the Madison metropolitan area has experienced marked population growth in recent years, estimated at 23 percent since 1990 by the U.S. Census Bureau, putting increased pressure on the region's transportation network and many travel corridors; and

WHEREAS, efficient transportation is essential if the City of Madison and Dane County are to meet their community and economic development goals and maintain the region's high quality of life; and

WHEREAS, traffic congestion affects thousands of commuters from the City of Madison and other Dane County communities who must travel to and from work and other destinations; and

WHEREAS, the travel corridor through the Isthmus, the heart of the greater Madison metropolitan area, has experienced increasing traffic congestion, safety problems and pedestrian and bicycle challenges; and

WHEREAS, almost two-thirds of the county's population lives in the area being studied by Transport 2020, 80 percent work there, and the study area also includes many of the region's largest cultural and special events destinations; and

WHEREAS, roadway expansion in the Isthmus is not feasible due to costs, impacts and neighborhood concerns; and

WHEREAS, Dane County, the City of Madison and area communities have been working cooperatively for several years on regional transportation issues; and

WHEREAS, Transport 2020 has been investigating options for improving transportation for all people who use and depend on this important regional travel corridor; and

WHEREAS, an initial route has been designated for commuter rail running from Middleton to Reiner Road in the Town of Sun Prairie; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madison has made a significant investment in mass transit through the Madison Metro bus system, which serves not only the city but also several of the adjacent communities, as well as users of park-and-ride services from a larger geographic area; and

WHEREAS, area communities and the County have cooperated for many years in the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), which is the designated policy body responsible for cooperative, comprehensive regional transportation planning and decision-making for the Madison metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, current problems with the existing structure for providing transit service include: integration of public mass transit services provided by different municipalities; coordination of city paratransit and County specialized transportation services; and coordination of Metro fixed route and shared ride taxi services; and

WHEREAS, because of the inter-relationships of many of these key transportation issues, the need to carry out planning at a regional level, and the need to develop adequate funding sources on a broader level, the County needs to create a regional transportation entity; and

WHEREAS, Downtown Madison, Inc. and the Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce have expressed support for joint regional efforts for transit improvements; and

WHEREAS, other communities around the state also seek to have new tools for regional transit, and the

Alliance of Cities and the Wisconsin Counties Association, among others, are supporting efforts for enabling legislation for local areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Madison Common Council hereby supports the creation of a Regional Transportation Authority that enables the expansion of multi-modal public transit in the Madison metropolitan area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Madison requests, by way of this resolution, and makes a part of its legislative agenda, legislation at the state level that would enable the formation of Regional Transportation Authorities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Madison Common Council recognizes that to fully serve the transit needs of the Madison metropolitan area, any local Regional Transportation Authority should include participation by the City of Madison, Dane County, other local municipalities and community partners including the University of Wisconsin and the Madison Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Jim Doyle, Dane County's state legislative delegation, Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin and U.S. Senators Russ Feingold and Herb Kohl.