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File ID:	91115	**File Type:**	Resolution	**Status:**	Unfinished Business
Version:	1	**Reference:**		**Controlling Body:**	FINANCE COMMITTEE
				File Created Date :	12/03/2025
File Name:	Authorizing the Department of Transportation to apply for a $6.75 million Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail (FSP) Grant from the Federal Railroad Administration and, if awarded, amending the 2026 capital budget for Transportation and			**Final Action:**	

Title: Authorizing the Department of Transportation to apply for a $6.75 million Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail (FSP) Grant from the Federal Railroad Administration and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the resulting grant agreement to accept the grant (District 4, District 6, District 12, District 15, District 17).

Notes:

Sponsors:	Michael E. Verveer, Sean O'Brien, Derek Field, Sabrina V. Madison And Yannette Figueroa Cole	**Effective Date:**	
Attachments:		**Enactment Number:**	
Author:	Liz Callin, Principal Transportation Planner	**Hearing Date:**	
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History of Legislative File

Version:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Transportation Department	12/03/2025	Referred for Introduction				
	Action Text: This Resolution was Referred for Introduction						
	Notes: Transportation Commission (1/7/26), Finance Committee (1/5/26), Common Council (1/13/26)						
1	COMMON COUNCIL	12/09/2025	Referred	TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION	01/07/2026		
	Action Text: This Resolution was Referred to the TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION						
	Notes: Additional referral to Finance Committee						
1	TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION	12/09/2025	Referred	FINANCE COMMITTEE			
	Action Text: This Resolution was Referred to the FINANCE COMMITTEE						

1	FINANCE COMMITTEE	01/05/2026	Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Common Council to Adopt	TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION	01/07/2026	Pass

Action Text: A motion was made by Vidaver, seconded by Govindarajan, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Common Council to Adopt to the TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

1	TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION	01/07/2026	RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER			Pass

Action Text: Bremer moved to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER, seconded by Kliems. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Text of Legislative File 91115

Fiscal Note

The proposed resolution authorizes the application and acceptance of a Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Grant. The $6.75 million grant would fund planned safety improvements and identify additional needs at at-grade railroad crossings that support the proposed extension of the Amtrak Hiawatha service to Madison. Existing funding available in Engineering's Railroad Crossings and Quiet Zones capital program would be used to support the 20% local match of $1.35 million. If awarded, the grant amount will be appropriated through a separate resolution or future budget request.

Title

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Body

WHEREAS, the FSP Grant would fund planned safety improvements and identify additional needs at at-grade railroad crossings that support the proposed extension of the Amtrak Hiawatha service to Madison, which is currently being studied by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation through the Corridor ID program; and

WHEREAS, improvements to at-grade railroad crossings will benefit all users of Madison's transportation system, improve safety, and support both current freight rail operations and future passenger rail operations; and

WHEREAS, the Engineering Department is planning to utilize Tax Increment Financing (TIF) to improve at-grade rail crossings, and these improvements align with and complement the proposed FSP Grant scope; and

WHEREAS, the grant funding is in the amount of $6.75 million with a 20% local match of $1.35 million; and

WHEREAS, the City would complete the planning, environmental review, design, and construction of identified safety improvements using a combination of City staff and procured professional and construction services, with any contracted work obtained through a competitive bidding and qualifications-based selection process; and

WHEREAS, funds awarded under this grant would be one-time capital funds that will be spent

down by the end of the period defined in the grant agreement; and

WHEREAS, the grant application form includes legal terms, obligations, and/or commitments from the City and/or requires a signature from a person who is authorized to bind the City to such things; and

WHEREAS, City staff can attest to the validity and veracity of the statements and representations contained in the grant application; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the Federal Railroad Administration may require the City to sign a contract, grant agreement, and/or other documents binding the City to certain obligations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Department of Transportation, after consultation with the City Attorney, is authorized, on behalf of the City, to apply for a grant up to $6.75 million through the Federal Railroad Administration's FSP grant program and sign all application materials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, if awarded the grant, the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Federal Railroad Administration, in a format approved by the City Attorney; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized to sign related paperwork or forms associated with the administration of the grant, after consultation with the City Attorney where appropriate.