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..Title

Substitute resolution creating the Joint Committee on Downtown Streetcar Implementation.

..Analysis

This resolution creates an 8-member Joint Committee on Downtown Streetcar Implementation to facilitate the planning, engineering and construction of the Downtown Streetcar Circulator. The Joint Committee shall consist of the following individuals or their appointed alternates: Mayor, Common Council President, chair of the Common Council's Public Works Committee, chair of the Common Council's Finance and Personnel Committee, Commissioner of Public Works, City Engineer, City Comptroller and Commissioner of City Development.

..Body

Whereas, It has been nearly 20 years since \$241 million in federal transportation aid (Interstate Cost Estimate or "ICE" funding) was allocated to the Milwaukee area for public transportation improvements and nearly 10 years since the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County, in the spirit of intergovernmental cooperation, reached an agreement to, among other things, allocate \$91.5 million of those funds to implement the recommendations of the Milwaukee Downtown Transit Connector study; and

Whereas, A number of projects have been proposed for using the \$91.5 million to expand and improve public transportation in and around Downtown Milwaukee; however, no project has moved forward because City and County leaders have been unable to agree on transit mode, route alignments, financing and operating characteristics; and

Whereas, On March 11, 2009, President Obama signed into law a \$410 billion federal appropriations bill that allocates 60% of the \$91.5 million (\$54.9 million) to the City of Milwaukee for a "downtown fixed-rail corridor" and 40% (\$36.6 million) to Milwaukee County for "energy efficient buses"; and

Whereas, Now that federal funds have been appropriated for the Downtown Streetcar Circulator project, it is essential that the City establish a team of elected officials and key department leaders to oversee the planning, engineering and construction of the project, including but not limited to:

1. Route alignment.

2. Route engineering.
3. Vehicle procurement.
4. Capital and operating cost estimates.
5. Operating plans.
6. Financing plans.
7. Selection of consultants.
8. Timelines for engineering and construction.

; now , therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that a Joint Committee on Downtown Streetcar Implementation is created to oversee the planning, engineering and construction of the Downtown Streetcar Circulator; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Joint Committee on Downtown Streetcar Implementation shall consist of the following members, each of whom may appoint an alternate:

1. Mayor.
2. Common Council President.
3. Chair of the Common Council's Public Works Committee.
4. Chair of the Common Council's Finance and Personnel Committee.
5. Commissioner of Public Works.
6. City Engineer.
7. City Comptroller.
8. Commissioner of City Development.

; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the chair and the vice chair of the Joint Committee on Downtown Streetcar Implementation shall be elected by the members of the Committee; and, be it

Further Resolved, That all City departments and staff are directed to cooperate with, and provide assistance to, the Joint Committee on Downtown Streetcar Implementation; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the City Clerk's Office shall staff the meetings of the Joint Committee on Downtown Streetcar Implementation.

..Requestor

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