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CHAIRMAN HOLLOWAY STATEMENT ON MASS TRANSIT FUNDING

Public Policy Forum report underscores need to overhaul archaic funding system

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Board Chairman Lee Holloway released the following statement on the Public Policy Forum’s report on the Milwaukee County Transit System:

“This report confirms what I and other County Board members have known for some time: route cutbacks and fare increases are causing major damage to mass transit in Milwaukee County. I am glad that Public Policy Forum President Rob Henken is leading a team of professionals in providing detailed and thorough reports on issues of importance to the community, continuing the exemplary work he performed as Research Director for the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors.

“Preserving an extensive mass transit system is one of my top priorities as Chairman of the Board. Transit is not just a human services issue. It is also a main ingredient in building our economic infrastructure. Because of limited federal and state support for mass transit, I am going to arrange to meet with key members of the business community to assist the County in developing progressive ways to overcome these funding challenges.

“There is no question that we must alter the path our transit system is on. Using property tax dollars to fund the local portion of mass transit funding is archaic. The time for change is now. All options are on the table as we consider ways to modernize transit funding and improve the service provided to people from all walks of life.”

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