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Committee: Transit Commission	Date: 5/18/2017
Common Council Item Number: 17-0760	Date: 6/6/2017
Submitted By: Fred Abadi- Public Works	City Administrator Approval: Kevin Lahner, City Administrator KL
Finance Department Review: Rich Abbott, Finance Director RA	City Attorney's Office Review: Brian Running, City Attorney BER
Subject: Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Filing of the 2017 Federal Program of Projects Grant	

Details:
 This item is to approve the resolution that would authorize the Transit Manager to file the Transit Commission's Federal 2017 Program of Projects Grant (5307 Grant) with the Federal Transit Administration. This grant will be used to partially fund the operations of the City and County transit systems for 2017. WisDOT estimates that a total of \$949,203 will be allocated to Waukesha County and that allocation is split 50% City and County 50%. This would be an increase in federal aid of nearly \$7,000 per system however the State/Federal combined aid is projected to be lower due to less State funding. The figures are estimated as Congress just authorized the funding of the remaining federal fiscal year 2017 the last week of April and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has not published final allocations. SEWRPC then needs to work out the distribution of the Milwaukee area funds between the transit systems in the region. This process may take several weeks which would likely delay our ability to apply for this grant until Federal Fiscal Year 2018 given FTA's deadlines for grant submittals which would mean that our first draw of federal funds for 2017 would not likely occur until the end of the year.

Options & Alternatives:
 There are no viable alternatives. The federal funds are critical to the operation of the City and County Transit Systems.

Financial Remarks:
 WisDOT estimates that the City and County will receive a total of \$949,203 federal funds which will be split 50%/50% between the City and County for 2017 operations. This equates to \$474,601 per system.

Executive Recommendation:
 Recommend approval.

