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Way To Go, County Board!

ATU 998 congratulates the transit committee of the Milwaukee County Board for unanimously approving a proposal “requesting the Board of Directors of Milwaukee Transit Services, Inc. (MTS) modify its membership to promote better accountability and oversight of the Milwaukee County Transit System.”

The full County Board will consider the proposal at its July 25 meeting.

For too long, workers and community members have been shut out of the MCTS leadership. This proposal could play a major role in opening the doors of governance of MCTS to employees and the bus-riding public.

The proposal has the strong support of ATU Local 998 and Amani United, the community organization that successfully halted MCTS plans to cancel bus service along part of Route 80 in the inner city, service that provides critical transit access for many low-income residents and people of color.

Amani United and ATU Local 998 want to make MCTS more responsive to community needs. We're fighting proposed cuts in bus service and worker benefits being dictated by County Executive Chris Abele, something the current MCTS Board of Directors has failed to do effectively.

Abele has been hostile to public transit, failing to pursue all available funding to support the service and then claiming that cuts in service and employee benefits are necessary because there isn't enough money.

We say, enough is enough. Transit is the lifeblood of many Milwaukee County residents, riders, and system employees alike. We deserve a say in critical decisions, and a board dedicated to making transit stronger for everyone.

Much more information is on our website, atu998.org

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