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***Joint Statement on Creation of Milwaukee RTA and Sales Tax for City of Milwaukee
from Mayor Tom Barrett and Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr.:***

The Joint Committee on Finance voted to create a Milwaukee County RTA with the authority to raise a .15 –cent sales tax for the City of Milwaukee.

“This vote showed leadership to move Milwaukee into the future by rescuing public transit and helping preserve vital city services. Senator Taylor and Representatives Colon and Grigsby fought for both the city and the county, striking a balance that serves the taxpayers in a fair and progressive manner.

“The new framework offers our residents a truly regional solution that considers the transportation needs of citizens throughout Milwaukee County. Allowing the City of Milwaukee to receive sales tax revenue will provide public safety and essential services to people who live in the city, work in the city and visit the city.”