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## Milwaukee Youth Council Lobbies County Executive on Transit Fares

*Members encourage Abele to consider fare impact on youth transit needs*

Milwaukee Youth Council (MYC) President Zach Komes (District 10) is encouraging Milwaukee County Executive Director Chris Abele, Chairman Holloway and Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) Managing Director Lloyd Grant to consider what transit fare increases might mean for Milwaukee's youth population.

Citing that the economic downturn has also increased unemployment rates among teens, Komes explains in his letter to the leaders "high school students in the county are heavily reliant on the transit system and are thus more likely to be affected by a fare increase." The MYC passed a resolution in their July formal meeting that opposes state budget cuts to MCTS and asks legislators and leaders to consider the impact the cuts may have on young riders in the area.

The MYC membership has been extremely active in its 2011 session, passing legislation related to the marketing of Pabst Blast malt beverage, speaking on behalf of positive youth engagement related to the Wisconsin State Fair incidents and taking a stand on the state budget. The group asks for a reduced youth fare for busses if fares overall are slated to increase.

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