

September 29, 2008

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Subject: North Teutonia Avenue Bridge over
West Silver Spring Drive – Bridge Rehabilitation

Dear Council Members:

Common Council Resolution File Number 071479, adopted on March 28, 2008, authorized the Commissioner of Public Works to execute a project agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT) for bridge rehabilitation of the North Teutonia Avenue Bridge over West Silver Spring Drive. The project agreement provided funding participation of 80 percent Federal and/or State aid with 20 percent City participation, under the Local Bridge Replacement program.

Since the time of executing the most recent revised project agreement, the construction costs for the bridge rehabilitation were within estimate, but the accompanying Hazard Elimination Safety (HES) improvement to the interchange was under funded. The HES project agreement capped the federal funding resulting in any construction costs in excess of this amount to be the responsibility of the City of Milwaukee. WISDOT has agreed the eligible HES construction costs could be included under the Local Bridge Replacement Program which would allow 80 percent federal/state funding participation. Consequently, we have requested, and the WISDOT has authorized, additional funds for construction associated with the bridge rehabilitation. The amounts are reflected in the attached revised project agreement.

We have prepared and recommend adoption of the attached resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Works to execute the revised project agreement.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey S. Polenske, P.E.
City Engineer

Jeffrey J. Mantes
Commissioner of Public Works

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Attachment

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bc: Ms. Lois Gresl

Ms. Cynthia Wisneski

Ms. Lila Gorney