

June 7, 2005

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Subject: Marquette Interchange Reconstruction  
Municipal Utility Agreement Amendments

Dear Council Members:

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT) is currently reconstructing the Marquette Interchange (MQI) within the Central Business District of the City of Milwaukee. The project is to be accomplished in five major contracts. The first major contract, which is, the Clybourn Advance contract was completed in December of 2004. The North Leg and West Leg contracts are currently underway.

Common Council Resolution File Number 040618, adopted October 1, 2004 approved and authorized execution of utility agreements with the WISDOT for work on City of Milwaukee facilities in conjunction with the MQI Clybourn, North Leg and West Leg contracts.

Also, Common Council Resolution File Number 050027, adopted May 20, 2005 approved and authorized execution of utility agreements with the WISDOT for work on City of Milwaukee facilities in conjunction with the South Leg contract.

The last contract comprising of the Core of MQI reconstruction is about to begin soon. The WISDOT is requesting an amendment to the original utility agreements previously executed by the City to include the Core contract. The amendments include any alterations necessary to city water, sewer and communications facilities. State Statute §84.294 (4m) requires that the City accommodate these types of freeway projects and that WISDOT pay 90 percent of the cost for alterations to municipal facilities with the remaining 10 percent being the responsibility of the affected municipal jurisdiction.

In order to be reimbursed for the 90 percent WISDOT share of the work, it is necessary for the City to enter into amended utilities agreements which define the work and the process for cost sharing on the project. The WISDOT has provided the City with the necessary agreements and estimates for the South Leg and Core, being the last of the five contracts to start in late fall 2005.

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City of Milwaukee work associated with the South Leg has been estimated to be as follows:

- Water facilities irrigation \$25,000 of which the City share is \$2,500

City utility work associated with the Core contract has been estimated to be as follows:

- Milwaukee Water Works \$266,349 of which the City share is \$26,634.90
- Sewer facilities \$353,125 of which the City share is \$35,312.50
- Communication facilities \$422,958 of which the City share is \$42,295.80

The Department of Public Works has reviewed the estimates and finds them to accurately reflect the required utility alterations in conjunction with the South Leg and Core contracts. As such, we have prepared the attached resolution which, if adopted will allow for the City's participation in the alteration of water, sewer, and communications facilities as necessary to accommodate the MQI South Leg and Core contracts and will provide for 90 percent cost share by the WISDOT. Said resolution will authorize the Commissioner of Public Works to execute the various agreements as well as take actions as necessary to accomplish the work and will authorize the City Engineer and the Comptroller to make periodic payments and billings in accordance with established procedures to properly account for the costs associated with said work. We respectfully recommend adoption of the resolution.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey S. Polenske, P.E.  
City Engineer

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Commissioner of Public Works

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Attachments

c: Mr. W. Martin Morics (w/attachments)