

August 24, 2004

To the Public Improvements Committee

Subject: West Wisconsin Avenue

Dear Honorable Members:

The Common Council has previously authorized and directed the Commissioner of Public Works to execute an agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT) for the programming and construction of pedestrian facilities improvements on East/West Wisconsin Avenue, North Water Street and East/West Kilbourn Avenue, using Federal Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) Program Funds (Common Council File Number 981733 and File Number 990806).

The enhancement work will include replacing the existing interim lighting units (Common Council File Number 020422) with the newly designed street lighting units and replacement of existing traffic control signage on West Wisconsin Avenue from North 2nd Street to North 4th Street. Funding for the installation of street lighting units and traffic control signage would be available from WISDOT by means of an Agreed Unit Price (AUP) contract.

Since the original bidder on the newly designed poles has gone bankrupt, they had to be re-bid. The per unit costs for the poles have gone up. The attached resolution authorizes and directs the Commissioner of Public Works to execute an AUP Contract with WISDOT, which reflects these changes in costs.

The attached resolution authorizes and directs the Commissioner of Public Works to execute an AUP contract with WISDOT that allows City forces to install the new street lighting units and traffic control signage along West Wisconsin Avenue from North 2nd Street to North 4th Street using CMAQ funds, which will cover 80% of the costs. The local share will be funded through the Department of Public Works.

Very truly yours,

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Commissioner of Public Works

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Attachment