

January 5, 2004

To the Public Improvements Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 031204

Dear Honorable Members:

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT) has scheduled the rehabilitation of the Marquette Interchange (MQI) within the Central Business District of the City of Milwaukee for the period from spring 2004 through the late fall 2008. The project is to be accomplished in 5 major contracts, being the Clybourn Advance contract (CLAC), North Leg contract, West Leg contract, South Leg contract and the Core contract. The Department of Public Works has assisted the WISDOT in the design and construction phasing of the contracts to best meet the needs of the citizens of the City and the Region as a whole and has worked diligently to minimize costs. The reconfiguration/rehabilitation of the interchange will, however, result in extensive alterations to City Water, Sewer, and Communications facilities. State Statutes §84.295(4m) requires that the City accommodate these types of Freeway projects and that the WISDOT pay 90% of the cost for alterations to Municipal facilities with the remaining 10% being the responsibility of the affected municipal jurisdiction. The total estimated cost for alterations to City Water, Sewer, and Communications facilities is \$12 to \$14,000,000.00 of which the City will be responsible for approximately \$1.2 to \$1.4 million dollars over the 4-plus year life of the rehabilitation project. In order to be reimbursed for the 90% WISDOT share of the work, it is necessary for the City to enter into Utility Agreements which define the work and the process for cost sharing on the project. The WISDOT has provided the City with the necessary agreements for the CLAC, being the first of the five contracts to start in May of 2004.

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

Water Works \$724,250.00 of which the City share will be \$72,425.00  
Sewer facilities \$201,800.00 of which the City share will be \$20,180.00  
Communications \$335,410.00 of which the City share will be \$33,541.00

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The Department of Public Works has reviewed the estimates and find them to accurately reflect the required utility alterations in conjunction with the CLAC. As such we have prepared the attached resolution which, if adopted, will approve the Utility Agreements associated with the CLAC of the MQI and will allow for the City's participation in the alteration of Water, Sewer and Communications facilities as necessary and will provide for 90% cost share by the WISDOT. Said resolution will also 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 accord with established procedures to properly account for the costs associated with said work. We respectfully recommend adoption of the resolution.

Very truly yours,

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City Engineer

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Commissioner of Public Works

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Attachments

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