

October 31, 2002

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Subject: IH 894 Freeway Reconstruction
Traffic Mitigation Contract

Dear Honorable Members:

In the year 2003, the Department of Transportation (WISDOT) will begin a one year reconstruction project on the (IH 894) from the Mitchell Interchange to the Belton Overpass (Zoo Interchange) in Milwaukee County. Due to the extent of construction and traffic control measures to be implemented on the Freeway system during this construction project, significant amounts of traffic are anticipated to be diverted onto the local street system.

The City of Milwaukee, in an effort to minimize the impacts of traffic diverted from the Freeway on local businesses and residents during construction, has requested and received the attached traffic mitigation agreements from the WISDOT to be executed by the City of Milwaukee. Mitigation measures to be implemented on the local street system by the Department of Public Works include diversion route coordination of construction activities, utility work and railroad and dock operations. Also included in the traffic mitigation effort will be additional patrols and traffic enforcement by the Milwaukee Police Department. The WISDOT will provide 100% reimbursement of actual costs for services and items provided by the City of Milwaukee as traffic mitigation measures, including the cost of restoration of the system to normal conditions at the end of construction.

We have prepared and recommend adoption of the attached resolution authorizing and directing the Commissioner of Public Works and Chief of Police to execute the Traffic Mitigation Agreements. The resolution also authorizes and directs the City Comptroller to transfer funds to the project subaccount for the estimated costs of various mitigation activities by the Department of Public Works and the Police Department.

Very truly yours,

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Commissioner of Public Works

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Attachments