

March 14, 2007

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Subject: 2007 and 2008 Vehicle Miles of Travel Monitoring Grant

Dear Council Members:

In compliance with requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendment, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is required to closely monitor traffic levels and changes in traffic patterns on the highway system in the Southeastern Wisconsin Ozone Non-attainment Area. To meet these requirements, Wisconsin DOT has requested to use City of Milwaukee traffic count data collected under our annual traffic counting program, and to expand the program as needed to meet the stricter data collection standards imposed on them. As part of their request, funding will be provided for all traffic counts beyond those normally collected by the City, as well as all necessary training for City employees involved in the traffic data collection. Similar grants have been provided to the City by Wisconsin DOT for this purpose on an annual basis since the inception of this program in 1993. Traffic volume counts to be completed in 2007 and 2008 include counts on roadways in the northern and southern portions of the City.

The estimated cost of the expanded traffic count program for 2007 and 2008 is \$77,145 which will be funded by Wisconsin DOT.

We have prepared and recommend adoption of the attached resolution, which authorizes the City Engineer to apply for and accept funding for the 2007 and 2008 Vehicle Miles of Travel Monitoring Grant, and to perform all work outlined in the Grant agreement. The resolution also authorizes and directs the City Comptroller to establish all necessary accounts, and to make appropriations to these accounts in the amounts set forth in the Grant agreement.

Very truly yours,

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City Engineer

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Commissioner of Public Works
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Attachment