

LRB – RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
ITEM 8, FILE #090797

OCTOBER 21, 2009

File #090797 authorizes the execution of a Local/County Agreement dated July 6, 2009 for real estate and construction costs associated with Milwaukee County plans to reconstruct S. 13th Street (aka C.T.H. V) from W. College Ave. to W. Rawson Ave. The west one-half of S. 13th St. from W. College Ave. to the south City limits lie within the City of Milwaukee, and Milwaukee County has agreed to include this portion of the roadway into their roadway improvement project. The City intends to utilize the federal Surface Transportation Program (“STP”) to fund 80% of its portion of this work. This file approves the expenditure of \$300,000 for project right-of-way acquisition, of which the City shall be responsible for \$60,000. Construction funding of \$1,860,330 (City share of \$372,066) will be requested in a future resolution.

BACKGROUND

Currently, South 13th Street is a two-lane “rural” type road with gravel shoulders and grass ditches. The pavement has failed and shoulders are in poor condition. A tributary to the North Branch of the Oak Creek overtops its banks and causes flooding in adjacent areas and overtops the roadway during the 10-year storm. In addition, development and traffic volume in the area have both increased significantly, requiring additional roadway capacity. Finally, changes to regulations regarding stormwater management have created a situation that requires additional stormwater management facilities.

The roadway improvement project will involve reconstruction of S. 13th Street to an “urban” cross-section. The new roadway will include curb and gutter and storm sewers, along with street lighting as determined by the City. Landscaping and sidewalks will also be determined by the City. Total project costs are projected to be \$9,264,330, with \$2,160,330 funding work on S. 13th St. that lie within the City of Milwaukee. Utilizing the STP program, the City will be responsible for 20%, or roughly \$432,000, of the \$2.2 million.

DISCUSSION

File #30469 authorized the execution a Local/County Agreement dated July 1, 2003 associated with preliminary engineering work on the project. The Agreement estimated the City’s share of preliminary engineering work at \$155,000. The federal STP program paid for 80% of these costs, with the City responsible for the remaining \$31,000.

The current Local/County Agreement details estimated right-of-way (\$300,000) and construction (\$1,860,330) associated with that portion of the project that lie within the jurisdiction of the City of Milwaukee. The City intends to utilize the STP program to fund 80% of these costs.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this file authorizes expenditure of \$300,000 for project right-of-way acquisition, of which the City is responsible for \$60,000. Construction costs, with an estimated City share of \$372,066, will be requested in a future resolution.

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