

LRB – RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
ITEM 19, FILE #081111

December 3, 2008

File #081111 authorizes the execution of a Cost Sharing Agreement between the City and Milwaukee County for the improvement of West Silver Spring Drive from North 90th Street to North 124th Street in the 5th Aldermanic District. The road is scheduled for a major rehabilitation, including breaking and rolling (“rubbilizing”) the existing concrete pavement, a new asphalt surface, and spot curb and gutter replacement. Manhole and water gate valve adjustments will be undertaken where requested by the City. Total cost of the project is estimated to be \$3,800,000, with City participation of \$133,600.

File #081111 further authorizes the expenditure of \$8,000 for City review of project plans.

BACKGROUND

The portion of West Silver Spring Drive between North 90th Street and North 124th Street is designated a county trunk highway (C.T.H. E) pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes s. 83-025. This section of roadway is a divided, 4-lane urban type road with auxiliary lanes, concrete curb and gutter and storm sewers. Because the pavement along C.T.H. E is in poor condition, major rehabilitation is necessary, lest the roadway continue to deteriorate at an accelerated rate.

The county trunk highway designation places primary responsibility for maintaining and improving this section of West Silver Spring Drive on Milwaukee County. As such, Milwaukee County has budgeted funds for improvements to this thoroughfare due to its deteriorated condition. Completed plans are expected to advance to the construction contract bidding process in March 2009, with construction slated to begin in April 2009.

DISCUSSION

Total cost of this major rehabilitation project is estimated to be \$3,800,000, with Milwaukee County bearing responsibility for covering the vast majority of project expenses. Per the Agreement, the City is simply responsible for certain sidewalk, sanitary manhole, water manhole, and water gate valve related costs, estimated to be \$133,600. In addition, \$8,000 is required for City review of all engineering plans and specifications of the project.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this file authorizes the expenditure of \$8,000 for project plan review. City share of construction costs, estimated at \$133,600, will be approved in future resolutions.

The City will also incur certain indirect costs related to the project. This includes regulating parking in the subject area during the construction period, constructing temporary overhead street lighting at various locations throughout the project’s length, and removing and reinstalling street lighting poles and appurtenances necessary to accommodate median modifications.

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