

March 16, 2009

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Subject: Resolution Regarding Application for
Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Projects

Dear Council Members:

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation is soliciting applications for funds under the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program. The program is intended to improve air quality by encouraging alternatives to single occupancy motor vehicles and by making the traffic flow more efficiently by optimizing traffic signals.

The Department of Public Works intends to submit applications for the following projects:

1. Milwaukee Smart Trips Pilot Program – (\$310,000)
2. Pedestrian Countdown Timers at 47 Signalized Intersections – (\$357,600)
3. Pedestrian Countdown Timers at 53 Signalized Intersections – (\$418,600)
4. Computer Optimization of 103 Traffic Signals on E/W Capitol Drive and West Fond du Lac Avenue – (\$260,000)
5. Computer Optimization of 34 Traffic Signals in the Bay View Area – (\$90,300)
6. Install Semi-actuated operation at 32 Signalized Intersections, City wide – (\$501,500)
7. Install Semi-actuated operation at 10 Connecting Highway Intersections – (\$201,200)
8. Compressed Natural Gas fast fill station – (\$3,000,000)
9. Emission Reduction Initiative – (\$1,295,000)
10. Enhanced bus shelter stations – (\$385,000)

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11. Multi-modal transit centers – (\$1,500,000)

12. Norris Park Redevelopment Initiative – (\$775,000)

The successful grant applications are expected to be announced in summer. All approved projects will be funded 80 percent by the grant. We have, therefore, prepared the attached resolution authorizing the Department to apply for these grants. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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City Engineer

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Commissioner of Public Works

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Attachment