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PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

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File 040147 is a substitute resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Works to execute documents titled “Federal/State/Project Transportation CMAQ Program-Program Agreement” for the programming, design and construction of pedestrian facility improvements on portions of East/West Wisconsin Avenue and North Water (Phase IV).

Background and Discussion

1. This substitute resolution authorizes and directs the Commissioner of Public Works to execute a project agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the programming, design and construction of sidewalk and other pedestrian related improvements on portions of East/West Wisconsin Avenue from North Prospect Avenue to North 10th Street and North Water Street from East St. Paul Avenue to East Knapp Street.
2. The project is funded primarily with federal funds from the Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ). The purpose of the CMAQ grant is to fund projects which are expected to reduce congestion resulting in an improved pedestrian environment.
3. This is Phase IV of a larger project. Possible streetscape improvements include distinctive crosswalk treatments, street trees, landscape and lighting improvements, sidewalk replacement, public art, trash receptacles and information kiosks.
4. This phase funds the preliminary engineering design for the project. The project may begin in November 2004 and end by December 2005.

Fiscal Impact

1. The estimated engineering cost of the entire project is \$700,000. The federal-state grant will fund \$560,000, 80% of the project, and the City share is \$140,000, 20% of the project.
2. The cost for the entire project of streetscape, landscape, lighting and other pedestrian amenities, is estimated at \$3,750,000. CMAQ funds \$3 million, 80% and the City share is \$750,000, 20%.

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