

**LRB – RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION ANALYSIS**

**JANUARY 9, 2007 AGENDA**

**ITEM 5, FILE 061110**

**COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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File No. 061110 is a Resolution authorizing the transfer and expenditure of \$350,000 from the Neighborhood Commercial District Street Improvement Fund for the Holton Street Commercial District Enhancement Project.

**Background**

1. The Department of City Development applies to the Department of Transportation for a Federal Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) Program grant to support street enhancements in commercial districts.
2. CMAQ grants require matches. The DCD funds the matches using Neighborhood Commercial District Streetment Improvement Fund (NCDSIF) capital improvement budgets. Fund appropriations totaled \$500,000 annually during years 2004 to 2007.

**Discussion**

1. The Department of City Development online commercial district inventory lists 56 businesses in the Holton (Reservoir north to Capital) Riverwest Commercial District.
2. The District has planned enhancements along N. Holton Street from Reservoir to Center Street and designated intersections on Holton Street with Reservoir with North Avenue and Center Street such as:
  - ❖ Milwaukee Harp and Lantern Lighting
  - ❖ Planted street trees
  - ❖ Bicycle lanes (2 directional)
  - ❖ Other enhancements
3. This resolution allows for use of NCDSIF funds to match CMAQ awards by approving a \$350,000 transfer and expenditure from the Neighborhood Commercial District Street Improvement Fund for the aforelisted project enhancements.

**Fiscal Impact**

As of 12/13/06, the aggregate NCDSIF fund balance available for new projects, including previous years' authority, totaled \$1,912,500, according to a FMIS query.

Adopting File 061110 authorizes a \$350,000 transfer and expenditure from the Neighborhood Commercial Districtr Street Improvement Fund account ST04080000 to the Holton Street Commercial District Enhancement Project account, ST04083900.

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