January 23, 2004

To the Public Improvements Committee

Subject: Marquette Interchange Reconstruction 2004
               Traffic Mitigation Contract

Dear Honorable Members:

In the year 2004, the Department of Transportation (WISDOT) will begin a four year reconstruction project on the Marquette Interchange. In 2004, a segment of West Clybourn Avenue/West Tory Hill near the Marquette Interchange and the North 16th Street Bridge over I-94 will be reconstructed by the WISDOT. Due to the extent of construction and traffic control measures to be implemented during this construction project, significant amounts of traffic are anticipated to be diverted around the local street system.

The City of Milwaukee, in an effort to minimize the impacts of traffic diverted from the Freeway on local businesses and residents during construction, has requested and received the attached traffic mitigation agreement from the WISDOT to be executed by the City of Milwaukee. Mitigation measures to be implemented on the local street system by the Department of Public Works include traffic signal system improvements and timing modifications as well as priority control for fire emergency vehicles at traffic signals along key alternate routes. The WISDOT will provide 100% reimbursement of actual costs for services and items provided by the City of Milwaukee as traffic mitigation measures, including the cost of restoration of the system to normal conditions at the end of construction.

We have prepared and recommend adoption of the attached resolution authorizing and directing the Commissioner of Public Works to execute the Traffic Mitigation Agreements. The resolution also authorizes and directs the City Comptroller to transfer funds to the project subaccount for the estimated costs of various mitigation activities by the Department of Public Works.

Very truly yours,

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Attachments