

March 12, 2008

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Dear Council Members:

The IH 94 North-South Corridor reconstruction project includes IH 94 from the Illinois state line through the Mitchell Interchange in Milwaukee County to Loomis Road and Howard Avenue. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT) is scheduled to reconstruct the corridor beginning in 2009 lasting through 2016. The portion of the project located within the City of Milwaukee is IH-94 from approximately Howard Avenue to the city limits and I-894 west to South 27th Street.

The City of Milwaukee, Department of Public Works, as well as other city departments will be expending time and effort to work with the WISDOT during the design stage of the corridor to coordinate and review its impact on city streets and facilities and to best protect the City's and its citizen's interests. The City has requested and the WISDOT has agreed to reimburse the City 100 percent for staff review and engineering time necessary to coordinate these local review efforts. The estimated cost for the local review is \$100,000.00. Future cost agreements with WISDOT regarding construction of the North-South Corridor, Mitchell Interchange will be submitted to Common Council for approval.

Therefore, we recommend adoption of the attached resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Works to execute the project agreement and also to authorize the City Comptroller to create the necessary subaccounts and transfer funds to these accounts for the engineering review.

Very truly yours,

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City Engineer

Jeffrey J. Mantes
Commissioner of Public Works

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Attachment

c: Alderman Robert Bauman