

March 10, 2007

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Subject: Street Lighting
Marquette Interchange Reconstruction
Core Contract
Revised Cost Agreement

Dear Council Members:

Reconstruction of the Marquette Interchange will include modifications to local streets. Due to the magnitude of this project, it was divided into phases. The phase known as the Core Contract affects the area bounded by North 13th Street to North Plankinton Avenue and West St. Paul Avenue to West Wells Street and adjoining streets, including the paving of West St. Paul Avenue from North 4th Street to North 8th Street in conjunction with the Transit Station Opening.

Street Lighting work being done in conjunction with this project will include installing interim lighting, the installation of permanent lighting improvements, and the removal of the interim lighting. Funding for the street lighting work is provided by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT) by means of a Local Force Account (LFA) agreement. The Common Council previously authorized the Commissioner of Public Works to enter into a funding agreement with WISDOT under Common Council File Number 070711, adopted September 25, 2007.

Since the Common Council approved File Number 070711, WISDOT has expanded the scope of the work to be performed, to include improvements to West St. Paul Avenue from North 8th Street to North 13th Street, North 3rd, 4th and 5th Streets from West Clybourn Street to West St. Paul Avenue, and West Clybourn Street from North 2nd Street to North 6th Street under the Core Contract. The additional work has resulted in a cost increase more than ten percent above the previously approved estimate.

The total revised estimated cost of the street lighting project is \$849,424.50, an increase of \$281,629.10 or 50% over the previous estimate of \$567,795.40. The total cost for this project will be funded by WISDOT.

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Therefore, we have prepared the attached resolution, which authorizes the Commissioner of Public Works and the Comptroller to execute an amendment to the Local Force Account (LFA) – Local agreement with WISDOT that allows City forces to install interim lighting, install permanent street lighting facilities and remove interim lighting in conjunction with local street work associated with the reconstruction of the Marquette Interchange Core Contract.

Very truly yours,

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Attachment

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