

**LRB – RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
ITEM 21, FILE #090973**

**DECEMBER 10, 2009**

**File #090973 authorizes the Milwaukee Police Department to apply for, accept, and fund a FY2008 Transit Security Grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$418,057. Proceeds will be used to purchase and install 10 video surveillance cameras at Milwaukee County Transit System bus stops in the City of Milwaukee. This 100% donor funded grant is for the period January 4, 2010 to June 30, 2011.**

**BACKGROUND**

The Transit Security Grant Program (“TSGP”) is one of five grant programs that constitute the Department of Homeland Security FY2008 focus on infrastructure protection activities. The program provides funds to owners and operators of transit systems – which include intra-city bus, rail, and ferry systems – to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism, major disasters and other emergencies. *File #071632* authorized the acceptance of a FY2005 Transit Security Grant in the amount of \$110,000 for the purchase and placement of 3 video surveillance cameras at bus stop locations in Milwaukee.

There are currently a total of 18 city-owned pole and building mounted video surveillance cameras in operation throughout Milwaukee. These cameras are monitored by limited duty Police Officers over three shifts. It should be noted that the Mitchell Street TID has funded the purchase and installation of 12 additional cameras for placement along Mitchell Street. These cameras are scheduled to come online in the near future.

**DISCUSSION**

This file authorizes the acceptance of a FY2008 Transit Security Grant in the amount of \$418,057 for the purchase and installation of 10 video surveillance cameras. The project will specifically place “pan, tilt and zoom” (PTZ) surveillance cameras at high-density Milwaukee County Transit System transfer points. The grant analysis form indicates that these cameras will be monitored and recorded twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week by the Milwaukee Police Department.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Acceptance of this grant requires no direct City participation or tax levy impact. However, the City will effectively have in-kind participation, as Police Officers will be used to monitor the cameras.

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