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To the Public Safety Committee

Subject: Zoo Freeway Reconstruction
Traffic Mitigation Contract

Dear Honorable Members:

In the year 2001, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT) will complete a two year construction project on the Zoo Freeway (IH 894/USH 45) between W. Lincoln Avenue in West Allis to CTH Q in Menomonee Falls. As in the previous year of this project, due to the extent of construction and traffic control measures to be implemented on the Freeway system, significant amounts of traffic are again anticipated to be diverted onto City streets.

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 WISDOT, to be executed by the City of Milwaukee. As during the previous year, mitigation measures to be implemented on the local street system by the Department of Public Works are anticipated to include traffic signal system modifications, traffic control signing and pavement markings. In addition, the Milwaukee Police Department will provide additional Police patrols, traffic enforcement and other safety enhancements in affected areas. 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. Sufficient funds remain from money allocated by WISDOT during the first year of the project to support any necessary traffic control improvements by the Department of Public Works. An additional \$115,000 will be provided to the Police Department for traffic mitigation efforts associated with this project during this construction season.

We have prepared and recommend adoption of the attached resolution authorizing and directing the Commissioner of Public Works and Chief of Police to execute the necessary traffic mitigation agreements with WISDOT. The resolution also authorizes

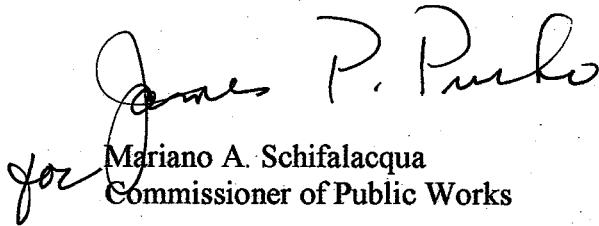
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and directs the City Comptroller to transfer funds to the project subaccount for the estimated costs of various mitigation activities by the Police Department.

Very truly yours,



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Attachments