



Department of Public Works
Administration

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Commissioner of Public Works

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Director of Administrative Services

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City Service Commission Executive Secretary
Department of Employee Relations
City Hall, Room 706

RE: Extension of Probation Request – Diondre Washington

Dear City Service Commission:

DPW Infrastructure Division respectfully requests to extend the probationary period for Diondre Washington, who was hired as an Infrastructure Repair Worker, August 21, 2022 and is subject to a 6-month probationary period scheduled to end on February 21, 2023.

Mr. Washington's overall performance has met job requirements but he has not received a Class A Commercial Driver's license within three months of appointment, as required for the position. Mr. Washington has received a CDL learner's permit. Infrastructure is working with DPW Fleet to provide Mr. Washington with the required driver training (ELDT) and classroom instruction to earn his Class A CDL as soon as possible. The requirement that all IRW's in Bridges and obtain a class A CDL is meant to ensure that each crew has a member who could tow a trailer weighing 10,000 pounds or more. DPW requests his probationary period be extended six months, retroactive to February 21, 2023 and ending August 21, 2023.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nick Goodwin, Bridge Maintenance Manager (x3982 ngoodw@milwaukee.gov) or Jason Pifer, Infrastructure Human Resources Administrator (x2416 japife@milwaukee.gov).

Sincerely,

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Dan Thomas
DPW Administrative Services Director

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