

LRB – FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

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File 041493 is a resolution authorizing the construction of streetscape improvements on East Wisconsin Avenue from North Milwaukee Street to North Prospect Avenue, and on North Prospect Avenue from East Wisconsin Avenue to East Mason Street under the Federal Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Program by the Infrastructure Services Division.

Background and Discussion

1. This resolution authorizes and directs the Commissioner of Public Works to construct streetscape improvements on the segment of East Wisconsin Avenue from North Milwaukee Street to North Prospect Avenue, and on North Prospect Avenue from East Wisconsin Avenue to East Mason Street. Funding for this project will primarily be provided through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation under a Federal Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Program Grant for the development of primary pedestrian corridors in the Milwaukee Central Business District.
2. This is the third phase of a multi-phase streetscape project called “Milwaukee Central Business District Primary Pedestrian Corridor Development Project”.

Phase 1, the pilot, in CC 990806 included streetscape improvements on W. Wisconsin Avenue from N. 2nd Street to N. 4th Street.

Phase 2 in CC 021033 included improvements on W. Wisconsin Avenue from the Milwaukee River to N. Milwaukee Street.

In the Phase 3, the improvements are proposed for W. Wisconsin Avenue from N. Milwaukee Street to N. Prospect Ave. and on N. Prospect Ave to E. Mason Street.

3. The streetscape improvements include sidewalk pavement enhancements, street lighting upgrades, landscaping, wayfinding system and other pedestrian amenities. The wayfinding system includes signs appearing at various locations with points of interest in the area and maps.
4. Construction will begin in 2005.

Fiscal Impact

1. The total for Phase 3 of the Federal Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Program is \$2,750,000 in funding, with the grantor share of \$2,750,000, 80%, and the city share is \$550,000, 20%. The funding for the city share, \$550,000, is through the Street Reconstruction-City Contribution to State and Federally Aided Projects capital account.

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