

June 10, 2004

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Subject: Hazard Elimination Safety (HES) Program  
Project I.D. 2985-75-06/75 (Connecting Highway Locations)  
Project I.D. 2984-75-05/76 (City Street Locations)  
Red Light Hold Signal Projects  
Milwaukee County

Dear Honorable Members:

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT) has transmitted the attached project agreements to be executed by the City of Milwaukee, for programming and construction of traffic signal/roadway improvements. These projects will be 90 percent funded through the Hazard Elimination Safety (HES) Program.

The proposed improvements will increase safety at intersections by installing LED signal heads to increase visibility and "red light hold" equipment to reduce collisions. The red light hold feature alters the signal's operation upon detection of a potential red light runner in order to prevent cross traffic from entering the intersection. The total cost of each project will be \$750,000. The City's estimated cost per project will be \$7,500 for design and \$67,500 for construction.

We have prepared and recommend adoption of the attached resolution authorizing and directing the Commissioner of Public Works to execute these project agreements. The resolution also authorizes and directs the City Comptroller to transfer funds to the project subaccounts for the City's share of preliminary engineering costs.

Very truly yours,

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