

LRB – RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
ITEM 12, FILE #081425

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File #081425 authorizes the Milwaukee Police Department to enter into an agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to provide additional enforcement on key alternate routes during the I-94 corridor reconstruction project, assist in securing incident/crisis scenes on impacted city streets, attend construction progress meetings and coordinate closure schedules when necessary. The so-called “I-94 N-S Corridor Reconstruction Overtime Grant Agreement”, which runs from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010, calls for the city to be reimbursed for the costs incurred for the additional traffic control assistance, with total reimbursement not to exceed \$70,000.

BACKGROUND

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (“WisDOT”) is proceeding with a 2009-2016 safety reconstruction plan for the Interstate 94 North-South corridor in southeastern Wisconsin. The 35 mile corridor runs from the Illinois state line through Kenosha and Racine counties to the Mitchell Interchange area in the City of Milwaukee and also includes the spur to General Mitchell International Airport. Milwaukee County interchanges at 27th Street, Ryan Road, Rawson Avenue, College Avenue, the airport spur and Layton Avenue will be impacted by the project, resulting in considerable diverted traffic on the local streets of Oak Creek, Franklin, Greenfield and the City of Milwaukee.

The City “project” area is defined as College Avenue on the south, Loomis Road on the west and Howard Avenue on the north. Included in the project area are local alternate route streets within 2 miles of the interstate roadways. **File #081170** authorized the Police Department to enter into an agreement with WisDOT to provide additional School Crossing Guards at 10 schools in this project area during reconstruction, with total reimbursement to the City for providing these services not to exceed \$100,000.

DISCUSSION

To mitigate traffic impacts caused by the project on the City of Milwaukee, the agreement calls for WisDOT to provide \$70,000 for police overtime in order that the City may participate in:

- Traffic control assistance during changing traffic patterns and freeway closures
- Attendance at weekly construction meetings
- Speed enforcement on alternate routes and other local roads
- Evaluation of emergency access and traffic control plans
- Development of an Incident Crisis Communications Plan
- Incident “dry run” exercises.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City shall charge actual costs incurred and attributable for providing these services to WisDOT. Total reimbursement to the City under this agreement may not exceed \$70,000.

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