

October 5, 2009

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Subject: Local Roads Improvement Program Funding and Application

Dear Council Members:

Section 86.31 of the state statutes establishes the Local Roads Improvement Program (LRIP). The LRIP Program provides for up to 50 percent reimbursement by the state of eligible costs for local street improvements. Administrative Rule TRANS 206 was created to implement the provisions of section 86.31 of the statutes. In accordance with TRANS 206, a project application and a signed agreement must be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT) to apply for the City of Milwaukee's share of this program fund.

We request consideration for immediate adoption of the attached resolution which authorizes and directs the Commissioner of Public Works to submit a project application and to execute the agreement with the WISDOT for funding for local street improvements under the LRIP Program. In the past the application materials were sent out in June, with a November 1 deadline. This year, we received the information in late September, with the same November 1 deadline. The list of projects attached are potential projects which are anticipated for implementation. Preliminary engineering and a list of actual projects involved will be approved through future common council action prior to construction.

In addition, the LRIP Program, being a grant program, is budgeted within the Street Improvement – State and/or Federal Aid Program accounts in the proposed Capital Improvement Program for 2010. It will be necessary that the funds be transferred to the Street Reconstruct or Resurface Program – Regular City Program upon receipt of the executed project agreement from WISDOT, a separate resolution will request the transfer.

Very truly yours,

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Commissioner of Public Works

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Attachment

c: Mr. W. Martin Morics