

May 31, 2005

To the Public Improvements Committee

Subject: Marquette Interchange Reconstruction
Traffic Mitigation Contract
Involving a Traffic Signal Communication System

Dear Honorable Members:

In the year 2005, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT) will continue a four-year reconstruction project on the Marquette Interchange. Due to the extent of construction and traffic control measures to be implemented during this construction project, significant amounts of traffic are anticipated to be diverted around the local street system.

The City of Milwaukee, in an effort to minimize the impacts of traffic diverted from the freeway on local businesses and residents during construction, has requested, and received the attached traffic mitigation agreement from WISDOT to be executed by the City of Milwaukee. Mitigation measures to be implemented on the local street system by the Department of Public Works (DPW) include traffic signal system improvements involving a communication system interconnecting downtown traffic signals to a network server. WISDOT will provide 100% reimbursement of actual costs for services and items provided by the City of Milwaukee as traffic mitigation measures.

We have prepared and recommend adoption of the attached resolution authorizing and directing the Commissioner of Public Works to execute the Traffic Mitigation Agreement. The resolution also authorizes and directs the City Comptroller to transfer funds to the project subaccount for the estimated costs of various mitigation activities by DPW.

Very truly yours,

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