

February 23, 2009

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Dear Council Members:

The City of Milwaukee previously was awarded a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant for the installation of new bicycle lanes throughout the City. The Common Council adopted Resolution File Number 060346 on July 12, 2006 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Works to execute the Project Agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT). During the project development stage, it was determined that it is much more cost effective for City forces to install pavement markings, compared to competitively bid costs. It was also determined that if the Department of Public Works purchased a new pavement marking machine to install the bicycle lanes, a significant cost savings would be realized over time. The new pavement marking machine would also be used for the City's long line maintenance program.

The total estimated cost of the CMAQ bicycle lane installation project is \$480,000. Eighty percent of the project cost or \$384,000 will be funded by the WISDOT. The local share or \$96,000, as well as the total cost of the new pavement marking machine, estimated at \$220,000, will be transferred from the divisions 2009 Major Street Capital Improvement Account to the 2009 Major Capital Equipment – Fleet Account.

We have, therefore, prepared the attached resolution which authorizes the Commissioner of Public Works and City Comptroller to execute a Local Force Account (LFA) construction contract with the WISDOT that allows City forces to install the bicycle lane pavement marking using the CMAQ grant funds. This resolution also authorizes the City Engineer to purchase a new pavement marking machine.

Very truly yours,

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City Engineer

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Commissioner of Public Works

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Attachments