

## LRB – FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

**PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE**

**ITEM 27, FILE 041522**

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File #041522 is a resolution relative to the application, acceptance and funding of a Freight Infrastructure Improvement Grant by the Port of Milwaukee.

### **Background and Discussion**

1. This resolution authorizes the Port of Milwaukee to apply, accept and fund a Freight Infrastructure Improvement Program grant from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT), Bureau of Railroad & Harbors in connection with the rehabilitation of the Port of Milwaukee Mooring Basin Track.
2. This file is related to CC #010118, which is an application for the same work. This resolution reauthorizes the application and changes the amount of the application from \$150,000 to \$350,000. The purpose of the grant is to enhance the overall economic environment by stimulating trade, business and employment. **This is a new grant.**
3. The Port is responsible for 15 miles of railroad track connecting each Port terminal to two Class 1 railroads, which provide delivery service to and from the Port. At the present, 1200 ft. of railroad track on the mooring basin portion is lower than the industry standard and is inadequate to withstand current weight load demands over a long term. Other related work by the grant includes improving the drainage structure, and new ties with heavier rails.
4. The cost to upgrade the mooring basin track and rail crossings is estimated at \$700,000. WISDOT will provide \$350,000, 50% of the funding and the balance will be provided through the department's Pier, Berth and Channel Improvements capital account.
5. The application must be submitted by April 1, 2005. The WISDOT will respond by Fall 2005. If approved, the engineering plans will be designed, submitted for RFP bids, with possible construction to begin by Spring of 2006.

### **Fiscal Impact**

1. The application for the Freight Infrastructure Improvement Grant requests \$700,000 by the Port of Milwaukee. The grant will be funded by WISDOT for \$350,000, 50%, and City funds \$350,000, 50%, through the Pier, Berth and Channel Improvements capital account.

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