

July 12, 2001

To the Honorable
The Common Council

Subject: IH 43/94 Freeway Reconstruction
Traffic Mitigation Contract

Dear Honorable Members:

In the year 2002, the Department of Transportation (WISDOT) will begin a one year reconstruction project on the North/South Freeway (IH 43/94) from the Mitchell Interchange to the Silver Spring Interchange in Greendale. Due to the extent of construction and traffic control measures to be implemented on the Freeway system during this construction project, significant amounts of traffic are anticipated to be diverted onto 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 agreements from the 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 include traffic signal system improvements and timing modifications, traffic control and parking signing and pavement markings. Also included in the traffic mitigation effort will be additional patrols and traffic enforcement by the Milwaukee Police Department, and pedestrian and child safety measures, including additional school crossing guards and educational safety flyers to schools, industry and businesses, by the Milwaukee Safety Commission. In addition, as part of the mitigation efforts, the City of Milwaukee, the County of Milwaukee and the WISDOT will cooperate to coordinate traffic signals of all three agencies near the Mitchell Interchange as well as distribute data and information between the three agencies. The WISDOT will provide 100% reimbursement of actual costs for services and items provided by the City of Milwaukee as traffic mitigation measures, including the cost of restoration of the system to normal conditions at the end of construction.

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We have prepared and recommend adoption of the attached resolution authorizing and directing the Commissioner of Public Works and Chief of Police to execute the Traffic Mitigation Agreements. 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 the Department of Public Works, Police Department and Safety Commission.

Very truly yours,

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Commissioner of Public Works

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Attachments