

## LRB – FISCAL REVIEW SECTION ANALYSIS

**PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE**

**ITEM 41, FILE 050359**

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File #050359 is a resolution relative to approving a Harbor Siphon Agreement between the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District and the Port of Milwaukee.

### **Background and Discussion**

1. This resolution authorizes the execution of an intergovernmental cooperation agreement between the City of Milwaukee, the Harbor Commission and the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) concerning the acquisition, creation and exchange of land rights for the harbor siphons project.
2. The project was approved by the Board of Harbor Commissioners at its May 6, 2005 meeting, which includes the exchange of land with MMSD in order to permit the construction of the harbor siphons project. MMSD has identified the need to construct siphons under portions of the Milwaukee Harbor to enhance its ability to better treat sewage.
3. In the intergovernmental cooperation agreement, MMSD will construct 2 siphon crossings, producing rock and soil to partially fill an underutilized car ferry slip adjacent to the District wastewater treatment plant and the Harbor Commission's container shipyard. MMSD will fill the former car ferry slip with suitable material from the siphon project, creating land to be given in the land exchange to the Harbor Commission. The land created by filling the former car ferry slip would be of use to the Harbor Commission and MMSD. In exchange, the Harbor Commission will provide an easement of land next to the MMSD sewage treatment plant, needed in connection to an underground shaft for the construction of the 2 harbor siphons.
4. The Harbor Commissioners' current tenant of the area, Intermodal Terminal LLC, will be relocated to another part of Jones Island at cost to MMSD. This will include fencing, lighting, location of power poles, gates, upgrade of rail tracks #3, #15, and #16.
5. The Harbor Commission has the right to review all plans and specifications associated with the harbor siphon.
6. The Harbor Commissioners have requested additional facilities to include the construction of a duct or suitable pipe to be installed to accommodate future fiber optic cable or other communication systems for use by the Harbor Commission, Wisconsin Department of Transportation or other future considerations. MMSD will consider the design and construction with the need for a separate easement for use.
7. MMSD will also review the expansion plans of a sewer connection from the Confined Disposal Facility to the nearby sanitary sewer rather than releasing the output in the harbor. The cost for the expansion of the sewer connection is the responsibility of the Harbor Commission with the plans subject to review and approval of MMSD.

**Fiscal Impact**

1. The Harbor Siphon Agreement between the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District and the Harbor Commission includes an exchange of land for the construction of siphons by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District. The cost for the plans, design, construction of 2 harbor siphons and the relocation of the Harbor Commission's tenant, Intermodal Terminal LLC and the upgrade of rail road track is the responsibility of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District. The Harbor Commission will review all plans and specifications for the projects.

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