

September 14, 2004

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Subject: Marquette Interchange Reconstruction 2005
Traffic Mitigation Contract

Dear Council Members:

In the year 2005, the Department of Transportation (WISDOT) will continue a four year reconstruction project on the Marquette Interchange. In 2005, a segment of I-94/43 from West Wells Street to West North Avenue and a segment of I-94 from North 13th Street to North 25th Street will start to be reconstructed by the WISDOT. 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 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 operational improvements and timing modifications as well as additional patrols and traffic enforcement by the Milwaukee Police Department along key alternate routes. 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 and the Police Department.

Very truly yours,

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Commissioner of Public Works

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Attachments