

August 30, 2007

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Subject: Street Lighting
Marquette Interchange Reconstruction
Core Contract
Revised Cost Agreement

Dear Council Members:

Reconstruction of the Marquette Interchange will include modifications to local streets. Due to the magnitude of this project, it is being divided into phases. This phase, known as the Core Contract, will affect the area bounded by North 13th Street to North Plankinton Avenue and West St. Paul Avenue to West Wells Street and adjoining streets.

Street Lighting work being done in conjunction with this project will include installing interim lighting, the installation of permanent lighting improvements and the removal of the interim lighting. Funding for the street lighting work is provided by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT) by means of a Local Force Account (LFA) contract. The Common Council previously authorized the Commissioner of Public Works to enter into a funding agreement with WISDOT under Common Council File Number 050363, adapted July 26, 2005.

Since the Common Council approved File Number 050363, WISDOT has expanded the scope of the work to be performed, by upgrading and expanding the paving of West St. Paul Avenue from North 4th Street to North 8th Street in conjunction with the Transit Station Opening under the Core Contract instead of issuing a separate contract as originally planned. The additional work has added more than ten percent over the previously approved estimate.

The total revised estimated cost of the street lighting project is \$567,795.40, an increase of \$133,396.36 or 23.49% over the previously estimate of \$434,399.04. The total cost for this project will be funded by WISDOT.

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Therefore, we have prepared the attached resolution, which authorizes the Commissioner of Public Works to execute an amendment to the Local Force Account (LFA) – Local contract with WISDOT that allows City forces to install interim lighting, install permanent street lighting facilities and remove interim lighting in conjunction with local street work associated with the reconstruction of the Marquette Interchange Core Contract in the area bounded North 13th Street to North Plankinton Avenue and West St. Paul Avenue to West Wells Street and adjoining streets.

Very truly yours,

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Commissioner of Public Works

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Attachment

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