

December 9, 2010

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Subject: Highway Safety Improvement Program  
Installation of Pedestrian Countdown Timers at  
Three Hundred Sixty Five Intersections Citywide

Dear Council Members:

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT) has transmitted three attached State/Municipal Agreements to be executed by the City of Milwaukee for programming and construction of traffic signal improvements at 365 intersections Citywide.

The installation of pedestrian countdown timers at 365 signalized intersections will improve pedestrian safety by providing the amount of time remaining in the flashing Don't Walk phase prior to the start of the yellow change interval, decreasing conflicts between pedestrians and vehicles. The total estimated cost of the three projects is \$2,838,500, with a grantor share of \$2,554,650 and a City share of \$283,850. The estimated preliminary engineering cost of the two projects is \$255,000, with a grantor share of \$229,500 and a City share of \$25,500.

We have prepared and recommend adoption of the attached resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Works and the City Comptroller to execute three State/Municipal Agreements. The resolution also directs the City Comptroller to transfer funds to the project sub-account for the City's share of preliminary engineering costs.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey S. Polenske, P.E.  
City Engineer

Jeffrey J. Mantes  
Commissioner of Public Works

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Attachment