

June 26, 2002

To the Public Improvements Committee

Subject: West Wisconsin Avenue

Dear Honorable Members:

The Common Council has previously authorized and directed the Commissioner of Public Works to execute an agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT) for the programming and construction of pedestrian facilities improvements on East/West Wisconsin Avenue, North Water Street and East/West Kilbourn Avenue, using Federal Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) Program Funds (Common Council File Number 981733 and File Number 990806).

Part of the enhancement work will include the installation of newly designed street lighting units on West Wisconsin Avenue from North 2nd Street to North 4th Street. Since the new equipment associated with this streetscape project will not be available until after the completion of the paving project, the existing lighting units will be reinstalled on an interim basis to maintain lighting on the street and sidewalks. However, permanent underground facilities to be installed as part of the lighting upgrade can be constructed with the interim lighting. Funding for the installation of the permanent underground facilities would be available from WISDOT by means of an Agreed Unit Price (AUP) contract.

The attached resolution authorizes and directs the Commissioner of Public Works to execute an AUP contract with WISDOT that allows City forces to install this interim lighting along West Wisconsin Avenue from North 2nd Street to North 4th Street using CMAQ funds, which will cover 80% of the costs. The local share will be funded through the Department of Public Works.

Very truly yours,

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City Engineer

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Attachment

PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES WISCONSIN AVE

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Commissioner of Public Works