

June 25, 2008

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Subject: North-South Mitchell Interchange (IH-94)
Municipal Utility Agreements

Dear Council Members:

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT) is proposing to reconstruct the North-South Mitchell Interchange (NSMI) within the City of Milwaukee for the period from spring 2009 through 2012. The project is to be accomplished in four major contracts, being the (South 27th Street; West Grange Avenue; West College Avenue) scheduled for 2009, (North Leg; West Layton Avenue) schedule for 2010, and Mitchell Interchange scheduled for 2011 and 2012. The Department of Public Works has assisted the WISDOT in the design and construction phasing of the contracts to best meet the needs of the citizens of the City of Milwaukee and the Region as a whole and has worked diligently to minimize costs.

The reconfiguration/rehabilitation of the North-South Mitchell interchange will however result in extensive alterations to City Water, Sewer, Conduit and Cable facilities. State Statutes 84.295(4m) requires that the City accommodate these types of Freeway projects and that the WISDOT pay 90 percent of the cost for alterations to Municipal facilities with the remaining 10 percent being the responsibility of the affected municipal jurisdiction. The total estimated cost for alterations to City Water, Sewer, Conduit and Cable facilities for the 2009 construction work is \$4,443,000.00 of which the City is responsible for approximately \$444,300.00. In order to be reimbursed for the 90 percent WISDOT share of the work, it is necessary for the City to enter into Utility Agreements which define the work and process for cost sharing on the project. The WISDOT has provided the City with the necessary agreements for the 2009 projects, being the first of the four year projects to start in spring of 2009.

The Department of Public Works has reviewed the estimates and find them to accurately reflect the required utility alterations in conjunction with the 2009 portion of the contracts. As such we have prepared the attached resolution which if adopted will approve the Utility Agreements associated with the 2009 construction work of the NSMI and will allow for the City's participation in the alteration of Water, Sewer, conduit and

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Cable facilities as necessary and will provide for 90 percent cost share by the WISDOT. Said resolution will also authorize the Commissioner of Public Works to execute the various agreements as well as take actions as necessary to accomplish the work and will authorize the City Engineer and the Comptroller to make periodic payments and billings in accord with established procedures to properly account for the costs associated with said work. We respectfully recommend adoption of the resolution.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey S. Polenske, P.E.
City Engineer

Jeffrey J. Mantes
Commissioner of Public Works

Attachments

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Ms Cythia Wisneski (w/attach)