

**LRB – RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
ITEM 9, FILE #080537**

**SEPTEMBER 4, 2008**

**File #080537 approves the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Milwaukee Board of School Directors (“MPS”) for the implementation of the Safe Routes to School program. Under the agreement, the Milwaukee Police Department (“MPD”) shall provide stepped-up traffic enforcement at all participating schools during each school day from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The 3-Year Agreement begins in the 2008-2009 school year and concludes on June 30, 2011. MPS will reimburse the City for the costs of specially assigning officers to these targeted traffic enforcement areas, with total payments not to exceed \$25,000.**

**BACKGROUND**

In December 2005, MPS adopted a resolution endorsing the Safe Routes to School program, which encourages students to bike and walk to school.

In December 2006, the Milwaukee Police Department began donating lost, stolen and abandoned bicycles to the Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin. The bicycles are repaired and distributed to students to encourage further participation in the Safe Routes to School program.

**DISCUSSION**

MPS has received a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation in the amount of \$25,000 for the City of Milwaukee Police Department to provide stepped-up traffic enforcement in the safe routes areas. The goal of the program is to not only ensure the safety of the children walking and biking to and from school, but to increase the perception of the safety education message to the public.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The City shall be compensated by MPS at the actual overtime rate of police officers performing services pursuant to the Agreement. Total payments to the City may not exceed the grant amount of \$25,000.

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