

## LRB – RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PUBLIC WORK COMMITTEE  
ITEM 22, FILE #080732

SEPTEMBER 24, 2008

**File #080732 authorizes the execution of a Revised Project Agreement between the City and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (“WISDOT”) for the rehabilitation of the East Lincoln Avenue Viaduct over the Union Pacific Railroad in the 14<sup>th</sup> Aldermanic District. The project is eligible for 80% federal and/or state aid, with a City match of 20%, under the Local Bridge Program. Construction costs have been refined and increased since the prior agreement was executed in August 2004. This Revised Project Agreement ensures 80% grantor participation at the higher total project cost.**

### **BACKGROUND**

The Local Bridge Program was established to rehabilitate and replace, on a cost-shared basis, the most seriously deficient existing local bridges on Wisconsin’s local highway and road systems. Counties, cities, villages and towns are eligible for rehabilitation funding on bridges with a sufficiency rating less than 80, and replacement funding on bridges with sufficiency rating less than 50. Under the program, federal and state funds cover 80% of specific individual project costs and are matched by 20% local funding. Each county is responsible to review and prioritize eligible bridge projects within that county.

The East Lincoln Avenue Viaduct over the Union Pacific Railroad had a sufficiency rating of 63.6 in 2007. The Viaduct is on the ‘*Approved 2009-2012 Local Bridge Project List*’ issued by WISDOT.

### **DISCUSSION**

CCFN 991756 authorized the execution of the original Project Agreement with WISDOT for the East Lincoln Avenue Viaduct project. The file authorized the expenditure of \$392,000 for preliminary engineering/design work, with the City being responsible for \$78,400 of this amount. (Design costs ultimately totaled \$417,000, with a City share of \$83,400.) This file also authorized the City to seek additional Local Bridge Program funds in the future for construction costs.

CCFN 040864 authorized the execution of a Revised Project Agreement dated August 24, 2004. Construction costs totaling \$3,370,000 were now included in the contract with WISDOT, assuring 80% grantor coverage of these expenses. Assuming these projected construction costs, City participation of \$674,000 would be required when the project was ultimately undertaken.

This file authorizes the execution of a Revised Project Agreement dated July 21, 2008 to reflect increased total construction costs to \$5,750,000. Under the Local Bridge Program, the grantor share will now be \$4,600,000 and City participation will be \$1,150,000.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

This resolution has no immediate fiscal impact as construction funds for this project will be requested in a future resolution. Under the Revised Project Agreement, ultimate city participation will total \$1,150,000. This project has a scheduled let date of December 14, 2010,

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