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Substitute resolution directing the City Engineer to submit applications to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for programming for the construction of freeway noise barriers at locations along I-94 as identified in the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's I-94 North-South Freeway Project Noise Barrier study for which no local cost participation is required.

This resolution directs the City Engineer to submit applications to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for programming for the construction of freeway noise barriers at the 16 locations along I-94 in the City of Milwaukee which are identified in the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's I-94 North-South Freeway Project Noise Barrier study as qualified locations. The locations in the city for which applications will be submitted do not require any local cost participation. The majority of the barriers are scheduled for construction during the 2010 program year, with the remaining scheduled for the 2011 - 2012 program years. In order to be considered for programming in 2010, the applications must be submitted by September 1, 2009.

Whereas, Chapter TRANS 405, Wis. Adm. Code, created in 1989, established procedures to be used by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT) to evaluate and select site locations for freeway noise barriers; and

Whereas, WISDOT contracted with the consulting firm of Milwaukee Transportation Partners, LLC to evaluate freeway noise levels within the I-94 North-South Freeway Project area and, using ch. TRANS 405, establish a list of locations warranting freeway noise barriers; and

Whereas, Sixteen locations in the City of Milwaukee are identified as eligible for noise barriers; and

Whereas, Chapter TRANS 405, Wis. Adm. Code, specifies that the WISDOT share of the total cost of a noise barrier may not exceed \$30,000 per abutting residence, with local units of government responsible for any additional costs; and

Whereas, Of the 16 locations in the city which qualify for noise barriers, all meet the \$30,000 cost criterion and could be constructed without any City funding participation; and

Whereas, Noise barrier project requests must originate with the local units of government and WISDOT has indicated that applications for noise barrier projects which are included in the 2010 program year must be received by September 1, 2009; and

Whereas, The City supports the concept of freeway noise barrier construction and is desirous of requesting WISDOT's actions on barrier implementation to benefit City residents; and

Whereas, The majority of residents affected by the proposed noise barriers that responded to the WISDOT survey have expressed support for the barriers, and the majority of residents at the public meetings expressed a preference for the lannon stone block appearance finish on the residential

facing of the barriers; and

Whereas, Further Common Council action will be necessary to permit preparation of final plans and construction of the noise barriers; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the City supports the concept of freeway noise barrier construction in the City of Milwaukee; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the City Engineer is directed to submit applications to WISDOT for programming for the construction of freeway noise barriers at the locations identified within the I-94 North-South Freeway Project Noise Barrier study as qualified locations, a list of which is attached to this file, and is incorporated in this resolution by references as though set forth in full, which are located in the city of Milwaukee and require no local cost participation.

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