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THE CHAIR

Resolution relative to the application, acceptance and funding of a Freight Infrastructure Improvement Grant. This resolution authorizes the Port of Milwaukee to apply, accept, and fund a Freight Infrastructure Improvement Program grant from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Bureau of Railroad & Harbors in the amount of \$1,449,184 in connection with the rehabilitation of Port of Milwaukee Lake Classification Yard.

Whereas, The City of Milwaukee appears to be eligible for grant funds from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Bureau of Railroad & Harbors; and

Whereas, It is the mission of the Port of Milwaukee to enhance the overall economic environment of the region by stimulating trade, business, and employment; and

Whereas, The Port of Milwaukee owns and maintains fifteen miles of railroad track connecting each Port terminal to two Class 1 railroads which provide delivery service to and from the Port; and

Whereas, The Lake Classification portion of the Port of Milwaukee maintained railroad track consists of rail that is of a size which is lower than the industry standard, and is inadequate to withstand, over the long term, current weight load demands; and

Whereas, Upgrade of the mooring basin track and rail crossings is estimated to cost \$1,811,480 of which \$1,449,184 (80%) will be provided by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and \$362,296 (20%) will be provided by the City 2014 capital budget, for Fund 0481, capital account PT180130400; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the City Comptroller is authorized and directed to transfer \$362,296 from Fund 0481, account PT180130400, Pier Berth Channel Improvements, upon approval, authorized to create within the Capital Grant and Aid Projects Fund the appropriate Project/Grant number for this project and to transfer the Project amounts to these Projects; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Port of Milwaukee is authorized to expend these funds for the specified purposes as indicated in the grant agreement; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Operations & Trade Director is the representative of the Board of Harbor Commissioners authorized to sign agreements, forms, claims and other required documents binding upon said Board in connection with the application for the WISDOT, Bureau of Railroad and Harbors, Freight Infrastructure Improvement Program grant; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the proper City officials and/or the Operations & Trade Director are hereby authorized to sign the aforementioned grant without further Common Council approval.

Larry Sullivan
Port of Milwaukee
January 15, 2014