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THE CHAIR

Substitute resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Works to execute a Grant Agreement with the Federal Highway Administration and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the construction of two movable bridge projects funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

This resolution authorizes the Commissioner of Public Works to execute a Grant Agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for construction funding towards the rehabilitation of the Wisconsin Ave. Vertical Lift Bridge and the reconstruction of the Juneau Ave. Bridge, both over the Milwaukee River. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program, is funding a grant in the amount of \$21,500,000 towards the construction of these two bridge projects.

Whereas, The United States Congress passed and President Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; and

Whereas, The ARRA program included a supplemental grant program titled Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) which solicited projects through a nationwide selection process; and

Whereas, The City of Milwaukee applied for and received a grant in the amount of \$21,500,000 for the rehabilitation of the Wisconsin Ave. Vertical Lift Bridge and the reconstruction of the Juneau Ave. Bridge, both over the Milwaukee River.

Whereas, The appropriation of the TIGER grant will be administered by the FHWA; and

Whereas, The WisDOT has agreed to administer the project on behalf of the City of Milwaukee for the disbursement of the federal grant funds and to allow the projects to be reviewed through the traditional WisDOT delivery process; and

Whereas, The City of Milwaukee, WisDOT, and FHWA entered into a “Conditional and Preliminary Term Sheet on the TIGER Grant Program” in April of 2010 which details each parties’ mutual understanding of the projects terms, conditions, funding, and schedule, a copy of which is attached to the Common Council file; and

Whereas, Upon successful completion and receipt of all required National Environmental Policy act (NEPA) approvals, the City of Milwaukee, WisDOT, and FHWA will enter into the TIGER Grant Agreement which will commit the federal grant funds to the project; and

Whereas, Conditions of the TIGER Grant require the NEPA approvals be obtained by September of 2010 and the construction funding be obligated by September of 2011 therefore necessitating an accelerated project delivery; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Commissioner of Public Works is authorized to execute a Grant Agreement with the Federal Highway Administration and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the construction of two movable bridge projects funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, a copy of which is attached to the Common Council File and referenced herein; and, be it

Further Resolved, That minor changes to the TIGER Grant Agreement which do not change its intent are hereby approved.

Department of Public Works
Infrastructure Services Division

CSL: ns

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