

**COUNTY MILWAUKEE
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION**

DATE May 21, 2012

TO Michael Mayo, Sr., Chairperson, Transportation, Public Works & Transit Committee

FROM Frank Busalacchi, Director, Department of Transportation

SUBJECT REQUEST TO EXCEED CAP OF \$50,000 ON THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT UNTIL A LAW FIRM IS SELECTED TO REPRESENT MILWAUKEE COUNTY'S BEST INTEREST IN THE ZOO INTERCHANGE NEGOTIATIONS

POLICY

File 12-186 went to the Transportation, Public Works and Transit committee in February 2012 requesting approval for the Department of Transportation to sign a Professional Service Agreement for legal services directly related to the Zoo Interchange Reconstruction project negotiation. The Professional Service Agreement had a cap of \$50,000. At this time the department is requesting to exceed the \$50,000 to ensure the continuation of negotiation for county parcels with WISDOT.

BACKGROUND

Due to the fact that time is of the essence and delays will be costly in the construction schedule for completion of this project for the traveling public, the department has prepared and is in the process of advertising an RFP for legal services. Interviews are to be scheduled for June/July the most qualified firm with land and sale acquisition experience will be selected. The selected firm will be brought back to committee with a recommendation of the firm most qualified to act as the legal representative for Milwaukee County regarding the Zoo Interchange.

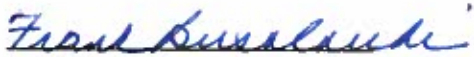
At this time the \$50,000 cap has been reached and we are requesting to exceed that cap until the report comes to Committee and a legal firm is selected. This will allow negotiations for Milwaukee County to continue and allow WISDOT to meet the construction schedule outlined for the Zoo Interchange Reconstruction project.

Time is of the essence in negotiation to ensure that proper lead-time is given to relocate existing facility occupants. All negotiated items will be brought to committee according to county policy.

RECOMMENDATION

There have been additional parcels of land that have been identified that would need to be involved in the negotiation process. Since the cap has been exceeded for the Professional Service Agreement for legal services as outlined in the (File 12-187) February 2012 Transportation, Public Works & Transit Committee. We are requesting approval to continue negotiations until such time as a law firm has been selected to represent the legal interests for Milwaukee County.

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CC: File 12-187 (attachment)
