

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION**

DATE: April 25, 2012

TO: Chairperson, Transportation, Public Works & Transit Committee

FROM: Frank Busalacchi, Director of Transportation

SUBJECT: Summary of Fund Transfers for Consideration at the Finance and Audit Committee
April 2012- **Informational Report**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. DOT-Airport	\$2,500,000

Increased airline traffic has prompted renewed nation-wide vigilance of aviation safety. Accordingly, in recent years there has been an increasing need to add more safety related features and aids on the nation's commercial airports. One such feature is to provide and maintain a secured perimeter roadway system whereby airport support vehicles can access all reaches of the airfield without the need to cross open taxiways and runways or travel on public streets. The airport currently has a perimeter road extending from the north side of runway 7R and extending around the north end of the airport to the northeast hangar area. With the current Runway Safety Area (RSA) project the perimeter road system is being extended southerly around the west end of runway 7R eastward to the west side of Howell Avenue. This project proposes to provide a bridge over Howell Avenue that will connect the perimeter road to the east side of Howell Avenue at Citation Way. With future projects this road will ultimately extend to the south end of the runway 1L for access to the southeast corner of the airfield.

This project is a specific Runway Safety Action Team initiative and is recommended by the FAA Airport Certification Safety office.

This bridge, to be located on the south side of Runway 7R-25L near Citation Way, was originally anticipated to be similar to the existing bridge that crosses Howell Avenue and provides access from the Terminal to the Cargo Ramp and hangars located north of Runway 7R-25L. The original adopted budget of \$3,500,000 was based on the bridges being similar. However, the proposed bridge site was found to be very restricted by existing site conditions, utilities and environmental restrictions. A number of significant enhancements to the bridge project will be necessary to address these requirements. Citation Way will need to be relocated to clear an area for the bridge. Major, lengthy retaining walls will be required to reduce the footprint of the bridge approaches. The reduced footprints are necessary to fit the bridge within the limited area and minimizing impacts to the adjacent drainage way (and associated wetlands and flood plain) and FAA facilities. The proposed bridge will also need to be longer to minimize costly utility relocations and provide adequate site distance at the new intersection of Citation Way and Howell Avenue. Geotechnical investigation has revealed compressible soil conditions that will need to be addressed. This site will also serve as an access point to the secured perimeter road, which will require automated security gate facilities.

With the enhancements required to construct the perimeter road bridge, the current project cost estimate has increased to \$6,000,000. This fund transfer requests an additional \$2,500,000 to supplement the original adopted budget. The source of funding for this transfer is 75% Federal AIP with 12.5% State funding and a local 12.5% PFC funding match.

Approval of this requested appropriation transfer will have no fiscal impact on the tax levy of Milwaukee County.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2. DOT-Highway	\$1,000

Transfer of Funds to Decrease Petty Cash Account as approved per attached file.

Resolution 07-139 was adopted by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors on April 5, 2007 and approved by the Milwaukee County Executive on May 8, 2007. Resolution 07-139 increased the Department of Transportation and Public Works – Highway Maintenance Division; now the Department of Transportation – Highway Division; imprest (petty cash) fund by \$1,000, from \$150 to \$1,150.

The purpose of the increase was to establish a bankable petty cash fund that would allow the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to direct debit an established Milwaukee County bank account for costs associated with the issuance of licensed driver records maintained by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division and prompt notification of recorded moving violations of Commercial Driver's License holders on Highway Division staff.

Prior to 2007, the Highway Division was billed quarterly for costs associated with the issuance of the records. In 2007 the Wisconsin Department of Transportation procedure for issuance of the records was revised. The revised procedure included immediate charging of each individual record through a direct debit to a bank account. The revised procedure also included electronic notification of recorded moving violations and electronic access to licensed driver records.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation has not direct debited the Milwaukee County Highway Division for any costs associated with the issuance of licensed driver records or the notification of recorded moving violations since the bankable imprest fund account was increased in 2007.

Due to the non-usage of the bank account created for the purpose of paying for the issuance of licensed driver records, the Milwaukee County Highway Division is requesting, reduce the imprest fund balance by \$1,000 to \$150, and not designate the fund as bankable.

Approved by:



Frank Busalacchi, Director
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