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MEMO

DATE: February 5, 2014
TO: The Honorable County Board of Supervisors
FROM: Joseph J. Czarnezki, County Clerk
SUBJECT: File Returned Unsigned

The County Executive has returned to my office, without his signature of approval, the following file:

File No. 13-940 – A resolution opposing freeway expansion for Interstate 94, from North 25th Street to North 70th Street, that could detract from the quality of life from Milwaukee County residents.

This resolution was adopted by a vote of 13 ayes – 5 noes at your meeting of December 19, 2013 and remains in full force and effect.

Joseph J. Czarnezki, County Clerk



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Chris Abele

MILWAUKEE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

DATE: February 5, 2014

TO: The Honorable Milwaukee Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chris Abele, Milwaukee County Executive

RE: Statement on County Board File No. 13-940 related to expansion of Interstate 94 from North 25th Street to North 70th Street

The following is a statement related to County Board File No. 13-940 pursuant to the authority granted to me by Article IV, Section 23(a) of the Wisconsin Constitution and Section 59.17(6) of the Wisconsin Statutes. This file states County Board opposition to the expansion of Interstate 94 from North 25th Street to North 70th Street.

While I respect the Board's position on this item, I need more information about the State's intentions for this vitally important corridor to evaluate the implications for the community. This is a vital corridor for community. I am still awaiting answers from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) that will lay out all options for improving commuting through the corridor while respecting the neighborhood and its residents. I will base my position on what is best for the community given all the facts available.

Further, Milwaukee County DOT (MCDOT) has been involved in meetings and planning exercises sponsored by WisDOT regarding this segment. We have made it clear to WisDOT that other transportation alternatives, including transit, need consideration in order to ease congestion levels and to provide options for those who do not wish to combat the daily commuting challenges. MCDOT has encouraged WisDOT to expand its analysis and project scope to provide for transit system improvements that have a positive impact on the I94 East-West project.