

**County of Milwaukee  
Interoffice Communication**

Date: August 24, 2020

To: Comptroller Scott Manske, Chair  
Capital Improvements Committee

From: Donna Brown-Martin, Director, Department of Transportation  
Brian Dranzik, Director, Airport Division

**Subject: Recommendation of Funding for Design and Construction of Capital Project WA28001 – GMIA Parking Structure Replace Decorative Metal Panels in 2021**

**REQUEST**

At the August 19, 2020, Capital Improvement Committee (CIC) meeting, the Department of Transportation (Department) verbally requested funding for design and construction of Capital Project WA28001 – GMIA Parking Structure Replace Decorative Metal Panels in 2021. This memo serves as a written request to the CIC that it vote to recommend advancement of both project phases to the 2021 Capital Improvements program.

Since the development of the Department's 2021 Capital Improvements Requested Budget, the Department of Administrative Services' Architectural, Engineering and Environmental Services (A&E) and Airport representatives have held three meetings with the design group to determine if a replacement product could be used instead of removing and refurbishing the metal panels that overhang from the GMIA parking structure.

The design team has found a replacement product that fits within the established capital budget and can be installed by the end of 2021. The material that will be used in the installation is a Teflon coated fabric that has been used in other locations for many years. One of the most notable examples is at the Denver Airport. The material that is being proposed is lighter and more durable than what is currently in place. This will reduce maintenance and repair costs over time. The product has a 30+ year lifespan with a 10-year product warranty.

Three national manufacturers of the fabric-based product have all responded that the requested budget of \$2.9 million should be sufficient for the scope of work. The design team is refining some details but is also confident \$2.9 million is enough funding for the replacement product and its installation. Funding would be provided from the Airport Development Fund (ADF).

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