

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE

Inter-office Communication

DATE: 3/17/2023

TO: Marcelia Nicholson, Chair, County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Donna Brown-Martin, Director, Department of Transportation

SUBJECT: From the Director, Department of Transportation, requesting approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Milwaukee County, Wisconsin Department of Transportation and City of Milwaukee regarding the Reimagining Wisconsin 175 Project.

FILE TYPE: Informational Report

REQUEST

The Director, Department of Transportation, requests approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Milwaukee County, Wisconsin Department of Transportation and City of Milwaukee regarding the Reimagining Wisconsin 175 Project.

POLICY

Chapter 56.20 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances requires County Board approvals of professional services. Although the aforementioned MOU does not constitute a professional services contract, it is considered a contract as it commits county staff time to the project.

BACKGROUND

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is undertaking a feasibility study to reimagine Wisconsin 175 from Wisconsin Avenue to Lisbon Avenue. Staff from Milwaukee County and the City of Milwaukee are working in partnership with WisDOT on this project. The project goals include increasing community connectivity for residents in the area, improve mobility and safety for all users of all transportation modes, address equity, environmental and social just impacts and enhance economic development throughout the corridor.

The attached Memorandum of Understanding among WisDOT, Milwaukee County, and City of Milwaukee outlines each partner's responsibilities, which include staff time only. No expenditure of County funds is required as part of the MOU or project development.

There will be a significant amount of public involvement that will be performed by a consultant team led by Graef, USA, as required in the professional services contract between WisDOT and Graef, USA.

The Milwaukee County Department of Transportation will provide regular, informational updates to the County Board as the project progresses.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Describe how the item aligns to the strategic plan:

- 2A: Determine what, where, and how we deliver services to advance health equity.
- 2C: Apply a racial equity lens to all decisions.

- 3A: Invest “upstream” to address root causes of health disparities.
3C: Dismantle barriers to diverse and inclusive communities.

RECOMMENDATION

For informational purposes only unless otherwise directed.

FISCAL EFFECT

Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding will not require an expenditure of funds.

TERMS (If applicable)

The terms expire at completion of the feasibility study.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

Donna Brown-Martin, Director, Department of Transportation

PREPARED BY:

Julie Esch, Deputy Director

APPROVED BY:

Donna Brown-Martin

Donna Brown-Martin
Director, Department of Transportation

ATTACHMENTS:

Wisconsin 175 Feasibility Study – Wisconsin Avenue to Lisbon Avenue Memorandum of Understanding

cc: Kelly Bablitch, Chief of Staff, County Board of Supervisors
Janelle M. Jensen, Legislative Services Division Manager, Office of the County Clerk