

From the Director, Department of Transportation, Requesting Authorization for a One-Year Extension of Freeway Towing Contracts from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, by recommending adoption of the following:

**AN AMENDED RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, per Section 59.52(31), Wisconsin State Statutes (State Statutes), approval of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) is required to enter into a multiple year contract with an aggregate contract value of greater than \$300,000; and

WHEREAS, in August of 2016, the County Board authorized five-year contracts between the Department of Transportation (DOT) and five towing vendors (towers), with one later disqualified, were selected via a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process, which will expire on ~~December~~ July 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, due to legal challenges at the time of the contract award in 2016, it was believed the contracts were due to expire December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, because the pandemic resulted in a revenue decrease for towers, and not knowing the pandemic’s duration, the DOT decided to delay issuance of a new RFP until the end of 2022; therefore, contract extensions will be required for all towers; and

WHEREAS, the freeway towing program is administered on behalf of the Sheriff’s Office, by ordinance, through the DOT Director’s Office; and

WHEREAS, removal of vehicular hazards to freeway travel is at the sole discretion of the Sheriff’s Office, pursuant to the authority granted in Section 349.13(4), State Statutes, and the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances – Appendix C Traffic Laws; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of July 26, 2021, recommended adoption of File No. 21-603 as amended (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Department of Transportation to extend contracts for freeway towing services from the period beginning ~~January~~ August 1, 2021, through December 31, 2022, with the following vendors: Prairie Land, Inc., N&S, Inc., All City, LLC, and Ray’s Towing, Inc.