

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

DATE: February 6, 2012
TO: Michael Mayo, Sr., Chairman, Transportation, Public Works & Transit Committee
FROM: Frank Busalacchi, Director, Department of Transportation
SUBJECT: MONUMENT FEATURE ON AIRPORT SPUR – INFORMATIONAL ONLY

POLICY ISSUE

This report is for informational purposes.

BACKGROUND

In 2012, the Wisconsin DOT will be reconstructing the Airport Spur (State Highway 119), including new lanes, signage, lighting and landscaping. The entrance corridor into the airport will be greatly improved.

Also in 2012 and 2013, the Airport is constructing a total replacement of the terminal roadway signage, which will greatly improve the look and utility of the internal roadway system.

For the past year, Airport staff has been discussing with the State the placement of a monument sign in the State road right of way, to provide an iconic feature at the Airport's main entranceway. The State has significant regulations on the placement of non-State signs and features in State road rights-of way. The outcome of the discussion is State preliminary approval of a monument sign which will provide a significant entry feature for GMIA.

RECOMMENDATION

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FISCAL NOTE

The State is funding the improvements to Highway 119 – the spur. Airport capital project WA161 is funding the terminal roadway sign project. Airport Development funds are being provided for the monument sign. The estimated cost is \$350,000. There is no tax levy impact.

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