

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

DATE : February 7, 2012

TO : Lee Holloway, Chairman, County Board of Supervisors
Michael Mayo, Sr., Chairman, Transportation, Public Works & Transit Committee

FROM : Frank Busalacchi, Director, Department of Transportation

SUBJECT : **AMENDMENT TO SPUR MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND GENERAL MITCHELL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (GA-2080)**

POLICY ISSUE

Amendments to agreements require County Board approval.

BACKGROUND

In 2010, the County Board approved of entering into a maintenance agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the Airport to provide maintenance of an upgraded landscaping design that the State will install along the State rights – of – way adjacent to the Airport spur, Highway 119. (County Board File No. 10-305).

As part of the State's approval of placement of a monument sign in the center island right – of – way, the State is requiring that the maintenance agreement be amended to include maintenance by the Airport of the monument feature.

Elements of the agreement amendment include the following:

1. Inspect electrical / lighting components yearly. Replace any nonfunctional component of the electrical / lighting system, as necessary.
2. Inspect truss supports yearly. Replace any damaged truss component as necessary.
3. Monitor anchor bolts yearly, repair as necessary.
4. Inspect letters yearly. Touch up paint on any exposed metal as necessary. Clean and prime any corroded areas before painting.
5. Coordinate gateway inspection with landscape inspections for joint access.

6. In the event of a major vehicle strike that severely damages or knocks down the gateway feature, replace all damaged gateway components and install new duplicate structure.
7. The Airport or the Department may remove the Gateway Monument and, in that event, the party removing the monument will restore the land on which the monument sits to its original condition. WISDOT reserves the right to remove the monument with 90 days notice. If the monument is removed, it will be turned over to the airport along with all incidental items.

RECOMMENDATION

Airport staff recommends that the County Board approve of amending the spur landscaping maintenance agreement to include maintenance of the monument feature.

FISCAL NOTE

Sufficient Airport funds are available in maintenance account #6620. There is no tax levy impact.

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