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MILWAUKEE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

DATE: February 5, 2014

TO: The Honorable Milwaukee Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chris Abele, Milwaukee County Executive

RE: Statement on County Board File No. 13-940 related to expansion of Interstate 94 from North 25<sup>th</sup> Street to North 70<sup>th</sup> Street

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The following is a statement related to County Board File No. 13-940 pursuant to the authority granted to me by Article IV, Section 23(a) of the Wisconsin Constitution and Section 59.17(6) of the Wisconsin Statutes. This file states County Board opposition to the expansion of Interstate 94 from North 25<sup>th</sup> Street to North 70<sup>th</sup> Street.

While I respect the Board's position on this item, I need more information about the State's intentions for this vitally important corridor to evaluate the implications for the community. This is a vital corridor for community. I am still awaiting answers from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) that will lay out all options for improving commuting through the corridor while respecting the neighborhood and its residents. I will base my position on what is best for the community given all the facts available.

Further, Milwaukee County DOT (MCDOT) has been involved in meetings and planning exercises sponsored by WisDOT regarding this segment. We have made it clear to WisDOT that other transportation alternatives, including transit, need consideration in order to ease congestion levels and to provide options for those who do not wish to combat the daily commuting challenges. MCDOT has encouraged WisDOT to expand its analysis and project scope to provide for transit system improvements that have a positive impact on the I94 East-West project.