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To: Patricia Jursik, Chairwoman, Economic and Community Development Committee

From: Brian Taffora, Economic Development Director

Subject: Status of Negotiations with Barrett Visionary Development, Inc.

As per Resolution 12-633, the following is a status report:

The DAS-Division of Economic Development has been working with Corporation Counsel and Milwaukee County Department of Transportation regarding the status of two issues that must be resolved prior to negotiations with Barrett Visionary Development.

1. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources issued an opinion in August 2011 regarding the status of the Public Trust Doctrine. DAS-Division of Economic Development has been in communication with the WDNR and had been told a written ruling on the decision will be issued in the next several weeks. As soon as that ruling is issued that will be shared with the ECD Committee and Board of Supervisors. If the Committee would like an update on the status of potential litigation, Corporation Counsel believes that would be an appropriate item for closed session.
2. Milwaukee County DOT has been working with the Federal Transit Authority on the declaration of the Transit Center as surplus and the ramifications of that on the sale. The typical FTA processing time on this type of issue is between six and nine months. As soon as we have clear guidance on this issue it will be shared with the ECD Committee and Board of Supervisors.

In regards to Barrett Visionary Development, several meetings have been initiated:

1. Barrett Visionary's legal counsel, Milwaukee County Corporation Counsel and DAS-Division of Economic Development Real Estate staff met to ensure everyone had a shared understanding of the County's adopted Resolution and timeline.
2. Barrett Visionary Development was introduced to Milwaukee County Community Business Development Partners. A meeting was conducted and we believe Barrett Visionary Development has a full understanding of the Community Benefits requirements they must meet in negotiations.

Next Steps:

1. DAS-Division of Economic Development Real Estate will begin working on the issuance of Title Insurance.
2. WDNR Ruling