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MEMO

To: Ald. Natalia Taft, Chair
Finance & Personnel Committee

From: John Rooney *JCR*
Commissioner of Public Works

Date: April 21, 2022

Re: WisDOT FFY 2022 (BIL) Carbon Reduction Program Application

Dear Ald. Taft,

On April 13, 2022, WisDOT announced a new federal program from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law of 2021 (BIL) to establish a Carbon Reduction Program. The new program funds projects that reduce transportation emissions and requires states to develop comprehensive carbon reduction strategies. The application deadline is May 6, 2022.

DPW will apply for electric vehicles for Street Maintenance & the City Engineer's Office. The application may include engineering vans, a forklift & a street sweeper. This office believes this application meets the spirit of the Project Eligibility requirements, which includes *Purchase of lease of zero-emissions construction equipment and vehicles.*

Funding for this grant will be an 80% Federal - 20% Local split between the State of Wisconsin and City of Racine, respectively, under grant control number 00440. The maximum amount of federal funding for Racine County is \$366,120.

If the committee agrees with the recommendation, then the appropriate action would be to authorize the Commissioner of Public Works to apply for the WisDOT FFY 2022 Carbon Reduction Program.

CC: Mayor Mason
Paul Vornholt, City Administrator
Kathleen Fischer, Finance Director
Ron Pritzlaff, Asst. Comm. of Public Works
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