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<b>Committee:</b> Board of Public Works	<b>Date:</b> 2/9/2017
<b>Common Council Item Number:</b> ID#17-0185	<b>Date:</b> 2/23/2017
<b>Submitted By:</b> Fred Abadi, Director of Public Works	<b>City Administrator Approval:</b> Kevin Lahner, City Administrator <b>KL</b>
<b>Finance Department Review:</b> Rich Abbott, Finance Director <b>RA</b>	<b>City Attorney's Office Review:</b> Brian Running, City Attorney <b>BR</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Withdraw the E. Sunset Drive Signal Interconnect Project from CMAQ Funding Consideration.	

**Details:** In July of 2015, the City applied for (Congestion Mitigation Air Quality) CMAQ funding for a project to interconnect traffic signals on E. Sunset Drive from St. Paul to Tenny Avenue. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation administers the CMAQ fund and they approved our application in July of 2016. There are 11 traffic signals on E. Sunset Drive within the corridor from St. Paul to Tenny Avenue and there would be benefit to the traveling public to have signals that are able to communicate and function in coordinated fashion.

The project was estimated at \$423,936 which includes design, administration and construction. The CMAQ program is an 80 / 20 program, where 80% of cost is CMAQ and 20% is paid for by the municipality. With those percentages, CMAQ would fund \$339,148.80 and the City share would be \$84,787.20. CMAQ projects are federally capped, meaning, any project cost overruns would be paid for by the local Municipality. A state / municipal agreement was sent to the City for signature. However, the SMA has not been signed yet and are requesting permission to withdraw the project.

During a recent review of our CIP program projects, we determined that participating in funding programs, such as CMAQ, places the City at risk of paying for excessive required WisDOT administrative and design costs. It is our desire to keep design and administration costs to a minimum and the City can implement this project for less cost than funding it with the CMAQ program. Interconnecting traffic signals on E. Sunset Drive is still a beneficial project and we plan to pursue constructing this work in the future with other improvement projects.

The Public Works department is requesting the Board of Public Works approve withdrawing the E. Sunset Drive Signal Interconnect project from CMAQ funding.

**Options & Alternatives:**  
 In our evaluation, staff feels that we can design, bid and construct this same project for less overall cost and potentially combine it with other adjacent improvement projects to get a lower cost.



**Financial Remarks:**

In the 5 year CIP program under budget No. 0410-0002-68290-0000, we had distributed out the City of Waukesha share in 2017 (\$12,902) and 2018 (\$71,885) for a total of \$84,787. Upon withdrawing from the CMAQ program, that money will be reverted to other projects.

**Executive Recommendation:**

Approve as submitted.