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**AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE A FREEWAY SERVICE TEAM FOR THE
WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation requests the Dane County Sheriff's Office to provide a Freeway Service Team (FST) for the USH 12/14/18/151 corridor (Beltline Highway) in Dane County.

The FST will continuously drive the service area locating, responding, and clearing minor traffic incidents and will assist motorists whose vehicles have suffered mechanical failure or have been involved in minor traffic crashes. The FST will be responsible for clearing the traffic lanes of the highway of automobiles, motorcycles, small trucks (gross weight of 8,000 pounds or less) and small non-hazardous debris material. Vehicles shall be removed from the traveled way by pushing. Abandoned or unattended vehicles shall be removed in accordance Wis. Stats. 342.40. The FST shall not provide towing or wrecker services. Clearing traffic incidents quickly will reduce congestion, provide efficient traffic flow, reduce delays, and reduce the chance of secondary traffic accidents.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation has agreed to compensate the Sheriff's Office for labor, materials, equipment, and fuel. Services rendered under this program shall be free-of-charge to the motorists receiving the service. Estimated expenditures and revenues were handled through the 2015 budget process. This project extends funding for positions 2413 and 2414, contingent upon continued financial support from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation has agreed to enter into a contract for up to \$107,000 with Dane County and the Dane County Sheriff's Office to contract for the above described services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Sheriff, the Dane County Executive, and the Dane County Clerk are authorized to enter into a FST contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the term of the contract is from January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015, contingent upon continued grant funding.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that all unexpended funds and unrecognized revenues from this agreement are carried forward until fully expended.