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Measure seeks hiring of 75 residents to work on city infrastructure projects

Alderman Robert J. Bauman said 75 residents would be paid to work on city public works projects under a transitional jobs proposal to be heard Wednesday by the Common Council's Public Works Committee.

Common Council file # 140111 would utilize funding from the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families' Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program to pay 75 Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board ("MAWIB") and United Migrant Opportunity Services ("UMOS") transitional program participants for city infrastructure maintenance activities for up to 1,040 hours per participant. The workers would be supervised by city Department of Public Works staff members.

The Public Works Committee will discuss the proposal when it meets at **9 a.m. tomorrow (Wednesday, May 21, 2014) in room 301-B at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St. The meeting will be televised live on the City Channel (Channel 25 on Time Warner Cable in the City of Milwaukee), and on U-Verse Channel 99. Online viewing is available by going to www.city.milwaukee.gov/Channel25.**

Alderman Bauman, chair of the Public Works Committee and the primary sponsor of file #140111, said the workers would be recruited and screened by UMOS and MAWIB and would perform a variety of duties, including pothole repairs on streets across Milwaukee. "This initiative is a 'win-win-win' for the City of Milwaukee, the local economy and for the families and individuals who will benefit from the pay that will come with the work," he said.

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Co-sponsor Alderman Ashanti Hamilton, chair of the Judiciary and Legislation Committee, said the proposal brings the hope of employment to city residents who are looking for opportunities to help themselves and their families. “In neighborhoods across Milwaukee people are desperately in need of work, and this program provides valuable opportunity and badly needed improvements and maintenance for city streets and infrastructure,” he said.

Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II – also a co-sponsor of file # 140111 – said he is “delighted” that the city has identified an avenue to provide city residents with transitional employment, as well as job and soft skills. “Milwaukee needs street repairs and residents need work, and I see this as an excellent opportunity for having both,” he said.

In addition to Alderman Hamilton and Alderman Stamper, the measure is also co-sponsored by **Alderman Michael J. Murphy, Alderman Nik Kovac, Alderman Willie C. Wade, Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs, Alderman Bob Donovan, Alderman José G. Pérez, Alderman Terry L. Witkowski** and **Alderman Robert W. Puente**.