

Fire Department

To: Finance Committee

From: Chief Tanya Reynen

Date: June 15, 2025

Subject: MOU between WisDOT and City of Watertown re: Opticom

Background

The Emergency Vehicle Pre-emption (EVP) system project is currently underway as part of the Fire Department's relocation to a new station near State Highway 26. The City Council has previously approved and fully funded the installation of a cloud-based EVP system through 2025 capital project funds. One of the city's intersections is owned and operated by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT). WisDOT has drafted a Memorandum of Understanding to authorize the installation and use of an Emergency Vehicle Pre-emption (EVP) system at the state-owned intersection. This intersection is STH 16 and CTH R/4th Street.

Budget Goal

This has no cost impact as equipment is purchased, and maintenance costs are expected to be minimal if any.

Financial Impact

No financial impact.

Recommendation

Approve the MOU as drafted by WisDOT so this project can continue.