



**Fiscal Estimate Narratives**  
**DOT 1/15/02**

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<b>Subject</b> Marquette interchange expansion		

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

On behalf of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT), The Southeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) is currently conducting a study to prepare a plan and program for the reconstruction of the 272-mile regional freeway system. The ongoing SEWRPC study is an attempt at achieving a regional consensus of how best to rebuild the freeway system. As part of its study, SEWRPC will include recommendations where it believes capacity expansion is warranted.

SEWRPC staff estimate rebuilding the system with design and safety improvement such as eliminating left-lane entrance and exit ramps will cost an estimated \$5.517 billion in year 2000 dollars. This includes an estimated \$1.067 billion for the reconstruction of the Marquette Interchange. However, for an additional \$729 million, or \$6.246 billion in total, additional capacity could be added throughout the system. This estimate includes \$155 million for adding additional lanes through the Marquette Interchange. Since the bill, as drafted, exempts the Marquette Interchange project from the additional capacity requirement because preliminary engineering for the Marquette Interchange work has begun, the estimated cost for adding capacity to the freeway system is \$6.091 billion.

Neither the advisory committee for the study, nor the county governments in the region have formally adopted the capacity expansion recommendations. Later this year, SEWRPC staff expects to submit a plan to the DOT for the rebuilding of the freeway system that has been adopted by the county governments in the region. Subsequent implementation of the plan would depend on funding provided for the effort through the budget process.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**