

April 9, 2007

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Dear Council Members:

The segment of North 11th Street between West Wells Street and West Wisconsin Avenue will be relocated to the east as part of the Marquette Interchange Project. Upon completion of the new North 11th Street alignment, which is scheduled for early 2008, the City intends to vacate existing North 11th Street to allow Marquette University to construct a pedestrian plaza at that location. Marquette University has requested that they be allowed to undertake construction of the plaza this summer, when the student population is minimal. We have studied their request and have determined that closing existing North 11th Street prior to the opening of the new roadway will not cause a significant negative impact on traffic. We have, therefore, prepared the attached resolution, which authorizes the Commissioner of Public Works to close existing North 11th Street between West Wells Street and West Wisconsin Avenue in advance of opening the new segment to the east.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey S. Polenske, P.E.
City Engineer

Jeffrey J. Mantes
Commissioner of Public Works

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Attachment