



Department of Public Works
Infrastructure Services Division

Jeffrey J. Mantes
Commissioner of Public Works

James P. Purko
Director of Operations

Jeffrey S. Polenske
City Engineer

To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Menomonee Valley Bike/Pedestrian Connection
Common Council Resolution File Number 070291

Dear Honorable Members:

Attached please find a Substitute Resolution File Number 070291 authorizing the Commissioner of Public Works to enter into an agreement with Soo Line Railroad Company (doing business as Canadian Pacific Railway) to allow the creation of a public pedestrian and bicycle trail between West Pierce Street and the Menomonee Valley.

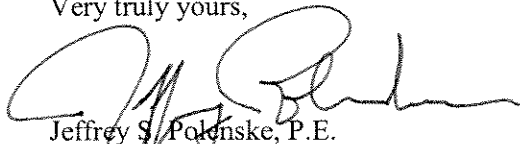
The "Valley Passage" is one component of the Menomonee Valley Industrial Center and Community Park Master Plan. The project provides a direct bike/pedestrian connection from West Pierce Street over the Menomonee River to the Menomonee Valley at about 37th Street. The connection passes through land owned by Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

An agreement has been drafted between the City of Milwaukee and Canadian Pacific Railway providing a permanent public easement on Canadian Pacific lands for the Valley Passage Project (attached).

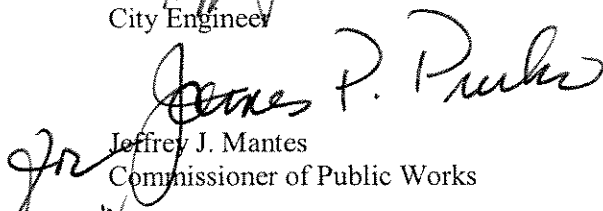
It is recognized that, before the Valley Passage Project can be programmed for construction, a number of obligations must be fulfilled by third parties and various approvals are necessary, including development of a funding plan that requires no contribution by the City. If any of these obligations and approvals are not fulfilled to the City's satisfaction, the agreement provides for termination.

Your consideration of this file is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



Jeffrey S. Polenske, P.E.
City Engineer



Jeffrey J. Mantes
Commissioner of Public Works

MDL:lja

Attachments

c: Mr. Gregg C. Hagopian
Ms. Laura Bray, Menomonee Valley Partners