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April 3, 2006

Mr. Ted Flis
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Subject: Wyndham Hotel
Front Entrance Island Curb Removal

Dear Mr. Flis:

In response to your February 23, 2006 letter requesting City approval to remove the island curb adjacent to the hotel's drop-off lane, we have completed our investigation. While we understand that some of the hotel's guests are upset by delay caused by stopped vehicles in front of them in the drop-off lane, the subject island curb was a requirement by the City of Milwaukee in order to construct the hotel drop-off lane. The concerns of the City, which prompted us to require the island curb, still exist today.

The island curb is designed to control vehicular access to West Kilbourn Avenue. If the island were to be removed, there would be the potential for multiple vehicles leaving the drop-off lane simultaneously and attempting to merge into eastbound West Kilbourn Avenue traffic. We believe that this would create traffic conflicts and a potential safety hazard. We also believe that the removal of the traffic island might encourage double parking around the drop-off lane, something the City would not want to see. We also believe that the island provides some safe shelter for drivers or passengers loading/unloading from the left side of vehicles in the drop-off lane. If the island were to be removed, the loading/unloading drivers/passengers would not be protected from moving traffic on West Kilbourn Avenue. For these reasons, the City does not approve of the removal of this island curb at this time.

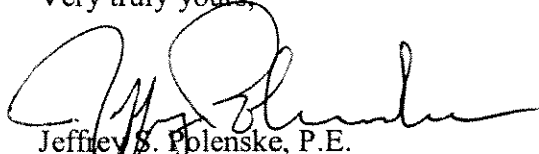
As an alternative, the City would not be opposed to the elimination of the existing drop-off lane and restoration of the normal curb and sidewalk. If this were to be done, the hotel could apply for a loading zone along the curb near the hotel entrance. Under this scenario, none of the loading/unloading vehicles could become trapped by vehicles in front of them.

Please note that although this alternative would allow for multiple vehicles merging into eastbound West Kilbourn Avenue traffic, we do not have the same safety concerns with this alternative since vehicles would be entering traffic from what is affectively a parking lane as opposed to your proposal which would have them entering from beyond the curb line extended and under a building canopy.

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We believe that drivers on eastbound West Kilbourn Avenue would have a limited view of vehicles leaving the hotel and attempting to merge under your proposal. If the hotel is interested in pursuing the revised curb/loading zone alternative, please contact us at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,



Jeffrey S. Polenske, P.E.
City Engineer

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February 23, 2006

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Re: Wyndham Hotel
 Front entrance island curb removal
 139 E. Kilbourn Avenue
 Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Project No. 2634

*PER RWB
 KEEP AS IS OR
 REMOVE DROP OFF
 LANE ENTIRELY.*

Dear Mr. Polenske,

The Marcus Group (Owners and Operators of The Wyndham Hotel) is requesting approval from you and the City of Milwaukee to alter the drop-off lane under the entrance canopy. In order to relieve congestion within the drop-off lane, the hotel is asking to remove the island curb under the canopy. The curbed island causes unwanted delay for hotel guests wanting to make brief stops. Guests find themselves boxed in by stopped vehicles in front and/or behind them and curbs to either side of their car. The removal of the island would allow for guests or taxis to freely pull into or out of the drop-off zone ahead or behind any stopped vehicle. Since the island curb does not benefit the operation of the hotel, please consider the hotels' request to remove the curb. See attached partial plan of the drop-off area. Please feel free to call me to discuss this matter. Thank you.

*CURB CONTROLS
 ACCESS TO
 THE ROAD.
 TOO MANY
 CONFLICTS
 W/O THE
 CURB.*

*I AGREE.
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 3/23/06*

Sincerely,

Ted Flis
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Enclosed: Hotel Entrance Curb Plan 2/23/06

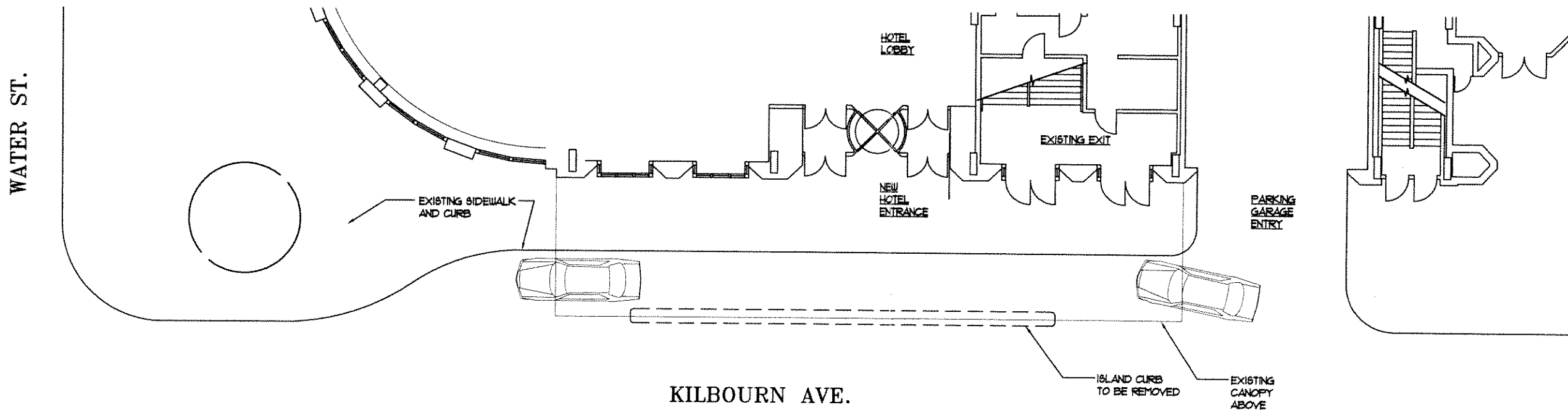
*Double Parking
 behind island - protect
 from vehicle door.
 Offer loading zone*

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FRONT ENTRANCE CURB PLAN

SCALE: 1/16" = 1'-0"

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