

May 24, 2006

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Subject: Traffic Signing and Marking Enhancement Grant

Dear Council Members:

Funding has been made available to the City of Milwaukee through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation under the Traffic Signing and Marking Enhancement Program to develop primary pedestrian corridors in the Milwaukee Central Business District. The purpose of this project is to promote walking in the Downtown area as an alternative means of transportation, and would be accomplished through the implementation of improvements to walkways and the pedestrian environment in general.

The scope of this grant covers two separate programs; the first of which covers the improvements to the Riverwalk pedestrian crossings in the Downtown area by installing overhead pedestrian signs mounted on mast arms in an effort to increase visibility and awareness of the pedestrian crossings. The second program is for the installation of 110 in-street "Yield to Pedestrians" signs at marked pedestrian crossings on 12 roadways. The type of roadway targeted is a two-lane through highway that carries an average of 11,000 vehicles per day.

We have therefore, prepared the attached resolution, which authorizes installation of pedestrian signing improvements. This resolution also authorizes and directs the City Comptroller to transfer funds to the project sub-account for the estimated construction costs.

Very truly yours,

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City Engineer

Jeffrey J. Mantes
Commissioner of Public Works

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Attachment