

October 6, 2009

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Subject: South 13th Street – West Rawson Avenue
to West College Avenue

Dear Council Members:

The Milwaukee County Department of Public Works, in conjunction with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT), is planning the improvement of South 13th Street between West Rawson Avenue and West College Avenue in 2010. The proposed improvement reconstructs the existing rural cross section as an urban roadway. Portions of South 13th Street lie within the City of Milwaukee. Milwaukee County has agreed to include those portions of the project that lie within the City of Milwaukee in their improvement project at the City of Milwaukee's cost. Common Council file number 030469 authorized the engineering for this project. The County has forwarded an agreement for the City's execution, which details the funding responsibilities for right-of-way acquisition and construction of the subject project. South 13th Street, within the City of Milwaukee, is eligible for 80 percent Federal cost participation under the Surface Transportation Program (STP) and it is our intention to utilize the City's STP entitlement for the City portion of the project work. The estimated real estate cost for those areas within the City of Milwaukee is \$300,000, of which the City's share is \$60,000. Total project costs equal \$9,264,330 with the City of Milwaukee responsible for approximately 20% of \$2,315,330 and other governmental agencies responsible for \$6,949,000.

We have prepared the attached resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Works to execute the agreement with Milwaukee County for the City of Milwaukee's real estate and construction costs associated with the improvement of South 13th Street between West Rawson Avenue and West College Avenue. The resolution also authorizes the City Engineer to sign the relocation order, right-of-way plat, and any other document required by the right-of-way acquisition process for the subject project; and authorizes the City Comptroller to establish the necessary accounts to fund the City of Milwaukee's share of the right-of-way costs. Construction costs will be addressed in a future assessable construction resolution.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey S. Polenske, P.E.
City Engineer

Jeffrey J. Mantes
Commissioner of Public Works

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Attachment
c: Mr. W. Martin Morics