

December 11, 2001

To the Public Improvements Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 010902

Dear Honorable Members;

Returned herewith is Common Council Resolution File Number 010902, being a resolution authorizing and directing the proper City Officials to execute a "Connecting Highway Change Agreement" and a "Park East Land Disposition Plan and Agreement" between the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, The City of Milwaukee and, as appropriate, Milwaukee County relative to the reconfiguration of the Park East transportation corridor.

Both of the above named agreements are necessary in order to redefine various aspects of the Park East Transportation Corridor as part of its pending reconfiguration. The "Connecting Highway Change Agreement" defines the rerouting of STH 145 within the City of Milwaukee and the "Park East Land Disposition Plan and Agreement" provides for the conveyance of remnant freeway lands based on the reconfiguration of the STH 145 Park East freeway stub between North 6th street and North Jefferson Street.

Currently STH 145 extends along the Park East freeway to its terminus at North Jefferson Street. Said STH 145 is also designated on North Milwaukee Street between East State Street and E. Ogden Avenue, on North Broadway between East State Street and East Knapp Street, and on East Wells Street between North Broadway and North Milwaukee Street. This routing facilitates a continuous state highway loop with STH 32 routing on State Street and on Wells Street. Once the Park East transportation corridor is reconfigured, the Park East Freeway (STH 145) will end at North 6th Street at its new intersection with West McKinley Avenue / West Knapp Street (about 300 feet north of West Juneau Avenue). As such, it is proposed to route STH 145 south on 6th Street to West Wells Street providing state highway route continuity once again with STH 18 routing currently located on both West State Street and on West Wells Street. This overall change in state highway routing results in an increase of 0.30 weighted lane-miles and in increase of \$ 3517.20 in connecting highway aids based on the current rate of \$ 11,724 per lane mile.

With respect to the Land Disposition Plan and Agreement, the following is submitted. The State of Wisconsin currently holds the lands occupied by the Park East Freeway between IH 43 and its terminus at North Jefferson Street in trust for Transportation Purposes. The Federal Government, the Milwaukee County Expressway

Commission, and the State of Wisconsin originally acquired these lands. With the reconfiguration of the Park East transportation corridor, the status of many of the lands will change. In general the following conveyances are expected to occur and are outlined in the subject agreement:

The State of Wisconsin will keep its interest in lands west of North 6th Street used for transportation purposes as part of the freeway terminus.

The State of Wisconsin will convey its interest in all lands between the west line of North 6th Street and the west line of North Jefferson Street necessary for transportation purposes to the City of Milwaukee.

The State of Wisconsin will convey its interest in all of the lands between North 8th Street and North Jefferson Street not necessary for transportation purposes to Milwaukee County.

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The Land Disposition Plan and Agreement also specifies that upon redevelopment of the remnant County parcels, the proceeds of any sales revert back to the Federal Government, Milwaukee County, and the State of Wisconsin based on their original percentage contribution to purchase the properties. The Agreement further specifies that any Federal payback (the minimum being the original Federal contribution used to buy the lands) be deposited in the State Highway Fund to be used for highway projects in Milwaukee County. It should also be noted that under certain specific conditions, the County, based on their ability to market and develop the lands in conjunction with an approved Redevelopment Plan, may elect to convey the lands and hence the terms attendant to ownership to the City. Although we believe it unlikely that the County will actually elect to convey the lands to the City, we are confident that if they do, we will benefit greatly through our sole control over its development.

Based on the above, we have prepared and recommend adoption of the attached Resolution Number 010902 which authorizes and directs the proper City Officials to execute the "Connecting Highway Change Agreement" and the "Land Disposition Plan and Agreement" as described in the body of this letter. Said resolution also directs the proper City Officials to cooperate in the implementation of the terms of the agreements and indicates that non-substantial changes may be made in the agreements prior to execution without further Council action.

Very truly Yours,

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Attachment