

March 27, 2006

To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Streetscape Improvements
West Wisconsin Avenue from
North 4th Street to North 10th Street

Dear Honorable Members:

Funding has been made available to the City through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation under the Federal Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality 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 pedestrian corridors would be implemented through a series of streetscape improvements on West Wisconsin Avenue, Water Street and Kilbourn Avenue in the Downtown area. Construction of streetscape improvements has been completed on Wisconsin Avenue from 2nd to 4th Streets, and is currently underway east of the Milwaukee River.

Implementation of the next stage of streetscape construction is proposed for West Wisconsin Avenue from North 4th Street to North 10th Street in 2006. The project will include elements such as sidewalk replacement and improvement, street lighting upgrades, landscaping, a wayfinding system, and other pedestrian amenities.

We have prepared and recommend adoption of the attached resolution, which authorizes construction of the fourth phase of the streetscape project. 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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Commissioner of Public Works

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