

January 18, 2001

To the Public Improvements Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 001378

Dear Honorable Members:

The Common Council of the City of Milwaukee adopted Reference File Number 990947 on November 9, 1999, authorizing and directing the Commissioner of Public Works to execute a project agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT) for various projects associated with the removal of the Park East Freeway (STH 145). During the preliminary engineering process, two "Build" alternatives have been identified and are currently being investigated through the environmental review process. Both of the "Build" alternatives include a new vertical lift bridge over the Milwaukee River connecting West McKinley Avenue with East Knapp Street. Because of the "fast-track" nature of the project schedule and because of the time and complexity of constructing a new moveable bridge, it is necessary that the new bridge construction proceed in a timely manner. Therefore, should a "Build" alternative be selected, it would be desirable that real estate acquisition to the new bridge proceed as soon as possible.

We have therefore prepared the attached substitute resolution which approves a plat of right-of-way required for the new McKinley/Knapp Bridge. Approval of the plat, however, is contingent upon a "Build" alternative being chosen. This substitute resolution also authorizes and directs the City Comptroller to transfer funds to cover the right-of-way acquisition costs.

Very truly yours,

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