

January 23, 2001

To the Public Improvements Committee

Subject: Common Council File Number 001076

Dear Honorable Members:

The programming and construction of bicycle trail projects are eligible for State and/or Federal Aid under the Transportation Enhancements (TE) program. In an effort to provide an essential link in the regional bicycle system network, provide public access to the Lake Michigan shoreline, and accommodate anticipated bike/pedestrian demand resulting from completion of the Milwaukee Art Museum addition, we have made application under the TE program for construction of a lakefront bike/pedestrian trail and shoreline protection improvements on City-owned lands adjacent to the Milwaukee Art Museum addition known as The Lakefront Bike/Pedestrian Trail.

We have requested and received preliminary approval from the WISDOT, along with the attached project agreement to be executed by the City of Milwaukee, for the programming and construction of the Lakefront Bike/Pedestrian Trail with 80% State and/or Federal aid and the remaining 20% to be funded equally by the City of Milwaukee and the Milwaukee Art Museum.

We have prepared and recommend adoption of the attached resolution authorizing and directing the Commissioner of Public Works to execute the project agreement and authorizing the Commissioner of Public Works to let construction contracts.

The resolution also authorizes and directs the City Comptroller to transfer funds to the project subaccount for the estimated costs for design and construction.

Very truly yours,

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City Engineer

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Commissioner of Public Works

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