

February 14, 2002

To the Public Improvements Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File No. 011499

Dear Honorable Members:

The removal of the Park East Freeway and replacement with a new surface arterial facility is scheduled to begin this Spring. A new vertical lift bridge will be built over the Milwaukee River as part of the replacement facility.

Common Council Resolution File No. 001378, adopted February 6, 2001, in part, directed the City Engineer to submit the final bridge design concept to the Council for review prior to undertaking final contract plans. The project consultant, HNTB, as part of their contract worked extensively with City staff and the City's Arts Board to develop a design which incorporates many unique features for both the new bridge and the new bridge operator's house.

We have proposed the attached substitute resolution which indicates the Common Council's endorsement for the new bridge design concept.

Very truly yours,

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City Engineer

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Commissioner of Public Works

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