

January 23, 2002

To the Public Improvements Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File No. 011360

Dear Honorable Members:

Common Council Resolution File Number 010651, adopted September 25, 2001, authorized and directed the Commissioner of Public Works to execute a Project Agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT) for preliminary engineering work for the improvement and extension of West Canal Street between North 6th Street and Miller Park. The WISDOT agreed to fund 50% of the preliminary engineering work. The resolution also established the City's corresponding 50% share of the preliminary engineering work, or \$1.9 million.

The recently enacted State Budget provides \$10 million in State funding as the State's 50% share of the entire project. WISDOT, however, will not allow preliminary engineering on the project to begin until the City provides its 50% share (\$10 million) for the project. Before work can begin on this project, the City must commit to the remaining \$7.2 million at this time. The City Budgets for 2001 and 2002 appropriate \$2.8 million for this project for preliminary engineering, real estate and utility design work. Given the anticipated start of construction in 2003, this will require the City share to be in the City's 2003 Capital Budget. Exact costs of the project will not be known until the preliminary engineering work is done, so additional State and/or City funds may be necessary to complete the project.

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In an effort to begin preliminary engineering work on the West Canal Street project and to meet the WISDOT demands, we have prepared the attached substitute resolution which indicates the City's support for the project and commits to fund the City share of the project in future City Capital Budgets.

Very truly yours,

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Commissioner of Public Works

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