

December 19, 2005

To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Common Council File #051115
West Wells Street and West State Street
Two-way conversion

Dear Honorable Members:

Transmitted herewith is Common Council File #051115, being an ordinance to convert a portion of West State Street and West Wells Street from one-way to two-way operation.

The change in operation is being proposed to provide additional more direct options for traffic circulation, which would thereby improve land use accessibility in the area, and make driving on downtown streets less intimidating for drivers not familiar with downtown streets. The proposed change will also provide relief during Marquette Interchange construction when the Wisconsin Avenue Bridge over Interstate Highway 43 is closed to traffic for reconstruction. Also, the proposed change in traffic operation is subject to approval by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation per State Statutes, since the roadways are designated as connecting highways.

Very truly yours,

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Commissioner of Public Works

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Attachment