

July 21, 2003

To the Public Improvements Committee

Subject: Resolution authorizing and directing the proper City officials to petition the State of Wisconsin, Office of the Commissioner of Railroads to facilitate various rail modifications associated with the improvement of West Canal Street from 6th Street to Miller Park Way in the Menomonee Valley

Dear Honorable Members:

The Department of Public Works is currently performing preliminary engineering for the reconstruction and extension of West Canal Street between 6th Street and Miller Park Way. Current plans call for relocating an existing railroad spur track serving Lone Star Cement and St. Mary's Cement within the Canal Street roadway to an alternate location outside the roadway.

The relocated spur will cross South 11th Street at-grade just south of West Canal Street and will not achieve statutory clearance requirements.

The attached resolution authorizes and directs the proper City officials, in conjunction with WISDOT officials, to petition the State of Wisconsin, Office of Commissioner of Railroads, for the new at-grade crossing and to allow the spur to be designed with substandard clearances.

Very truly yours,

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Mariano A. Schifalacqua
Commissioner of Public Works

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Attachment