July 12, 2001

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Subject: Kinnickinnic River Bicycle Trail

Dear Council Members:

The City of Milwaukee previously obtained a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant to fund the acquisition of land and construction of an off-road bicycle trail over the abandoned railroad corridor between South 6th Street and East Washington Street. We have received authority from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to expend funds for land acquisition for this project with 80 percent federal funds and 20 percent City funds. We have negotiated an acceptable purchase price for the land.

We have prepared and recommend adoption of the attached resolution which authorized the proper City officials to undertake the necessary process to finalize the land sale. The resolution also authorizes and directs the City Comptroller to transfer funds to the project subaccount for the land acquisition costs.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey S. Polenske, P.E. City Engineer

Mariano A. Schifalacqua Commissioner of Public Works

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cc: Mr. W. M. Morics