

May 17, 2004

To the Honorable  
Public Improvements Committee

Subject: Pedestrian Facility Improvement Grant, Phase IV

Dear Honorable Members:

Funding is available through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT) for transportation related projects which can be expected to reduce congestion, or which will result in the reduction of vehicle emissions, under the federally funded Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Program (CMAQ). Phase I of the project was previously approved by the Common Council under Resolution File 981733 and Resolution File 990806, while Phases II and III were approved under Resolution File Number 021033.

We have requested and received preliminary approval from WISDOT for the fourth phase of this project, along with the attached project agreements, to be executed by the City of Milwaukee for the design and construction of pedestrian facility improvements on portions of East/West Wisconsin Avenue from North Prospect Avenue to North 10th Street, and on North Water Street from East St. Paul Avenue to East Knapp Street. Improvements on these facilities are anticipated to include distinctive crosswalk treatments, street trees and other landscape improvements, lighting improvements, sidewalk replacement, and street furnishings including public art, trash receptacles and information kiosks. Federal funding under the CMAQ program will cover 80 percent of the cost of this project.

We have prepared and recommend adoption of the attached resolution, which authorizes and directs the Commissioner of Public Works to execute the project agreement. The resolution also authorizes and directs the City Comptroller to transfer funds to the project subaccount for the estimated preliminary engineering and plan preparation costs.

Very truly yours,

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City Engineer

James P. Purko  
Director of Operations

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Attachments

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