

March 11, 2002

To the Public Improvements Committee

Subject: Bay View to Downtown Milwaukee Bicycle Route Study

Dear Council Members:

Attached is a draft resolution that of adopted, affirms the City of Milwaukee Common Council's support for the Hoan Bridge alternative in the state Bay View to Downtown Milwaukee Bicycle Route Study.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation will conclude the second stage of the Bay View to Downtown Milwaukee Bicycle Route Study in the near future. The first stage of the study examined twenty possible alternatives, from which three were chosen to move forward to the second stage. The three alternatives are the Second Street alternative, Union Pacific Railroad Corridor, and Hoan Bridge. The objective of stage two is to select the preferred bicycle route alternative to move forward into design and implementation.

It is our opinion that the Hoan Bridge alternative is the only one that satisfies the objectives of the study. A pedestrian/bicycle lane on the Hoan Bridge would provide a direct, safe and enjoyable connection between Bay View and points south with downtown and all its attractions. We believe that allowing pedestrians and bicyclists on the Hoan Bridge would create an attraction in and of itself. It is an opportunity to further enhance the splendor of Milwaukee's lakefront.

Mayor Norquist and the City of Milwaukee Bicycle Task Force have declared their support for the Hoan Bridge alternative. We recommend that the attached resolution, which affirms the Common Council's support of the Hoan Bridge alternative be adopted.

Very truly yours,

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