

**From:** Laskowski, Jeannie  
**To:** James Owczarski, Diana Morgan, Charlotte Rodriguez  
**Date:** 7/5/2006 8:40:13 AM  
**Subject:** Letter of Support for 7/6 CED mtg, Item #11

Hi, Jim, Diana and Char!

Please add the following email from County Supervisor West to File No. 060298.

Thanks, Jeannie

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From: Peggy West [mailto:sup\_dist12@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Sunday, July 02, 2006 7:20 PM  
To: jldavis@milwaukee.gov; Tony Zielinski; mmcgee@milwaukee.gov;  
ahamil@milwaukee.gov; Jim Witkowiak  
Cc: bdranzik@milwcnty.com; corey@renewthevalley.org; laura@renewthevalley.org  
Subject: Thursday, July 6th, 2006 Economic & Community Development Meeting

Good Afternoon My Honorable Colleagues,

I hope this finds you in good health & spirits. I am writing to ask your support of what I believe is truly a unique opportunity for the city and the county to partner together to help achieve great progress in our community.

On Thursday, July 6th, 2006 the Common Council's Economic & Community Development Committee will meet, one of the items that you will discuss is a commitment by the City of Milwaukee of \$38,000 over the next 3 years to help assist with establishing bus service to the quickly emerging Menomonee Valley. This commitment would be part of an approximately \$77,000.00 local match needed to secure Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) funding from the State of Wisconsin.

In addition to the City of Milwaukee, the MVBPD BID has committed \$10,000.00 annually over the next 3 years to provide the local match. I have been working on this bus route with Menomonee Valley Business Partners (MVBPD), Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) and each of the major businesses in the valley for over a year now.

We believe and hope that you also share the belief that this area is a great resource to the City of Milwaukee.

In August 2006, Palermo's Pizza will join the "Valley Family" opening their production plant there as well as a restaurant/tour site. 70% of Palermo's employees utilize public transportation to get to their jobs each day, this is just one of a dozen Valley employers. In order to ensure that the present companies located in the valley and that future companies we hope to attract and retain in the valley have an ample, viable workforce, a bus route serving the valley is a logical and important next step in the valley's development.

Please give your serious consideration to this request. Working together, the city & county, can provide the tools needed to give families in Milwaukee access to the jobs they need to make a world of difference not only in their lives but in our community.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration of this request. Should you

have any further questions regarding the bus route, JARC funding or the bus routes positive impact on the valley, please feel free to contact Corey Zetts, Program Director MVBP at (414) 274-4655, Brian Dranzik, Milwaukee Co. Board Transportation Research Analyst at (414) 278-2424 or myself at (414) 278-4269.  
Thank you again for your thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Yours truly,  
Peggy A. West  
Milwaukee County Supervisor, District 12