

March 27, 2001

To the Public Improvements Committee

Subject: Resolution authorizing and directing the proper City Officials to Petition the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads of the State of Wisconsin for a Finding of Fact and Order for a new at-grade railroad crossing West Pittsburgh Avenue (extended)

Dear Honorable Members:

West Pittsburgh Avenue, west of South 16<sup>th</sup> Street and south of West Canal Street, is proposed to be extended to the west and to the north to improve accessibility to this area of the Menomonee Valley. As a result of this proposal, a new at-grade railroad crossing will be established when the new roadway extends over existing spur railroad tracks in the area. In order for the at-grade crossing to be established in the public right-of-way, the City must petition the State of Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Railroads (OCR) for establishment of an at-grade railroad crossing.

Resolution File No. 000591, adopted on July 22, 2000, approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Forest County Potawatomi Indian Tribe (FCPIT) regarding the design, construction and funding of West Pittsburgh Avenue, extended. All costs for construction of the new roadway will be assumed by the FCPIT. The City will accept the street when completed and assume responsibility for its maintenance.

A resolution granting the proper City officials authority to petition the OCR for a Finding of Fact and Order relative to a new at-grade spur track crossing in and across West Pittsburgh Avenue, has been prepared and is attached herewith. It is our recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

Very truly yours,

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Commissioner of Public Works

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Attachments