

## Melendez-Hagedorn, Yadira

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**From:** Bauman, Robert  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 9:54 PM  
**To:** Melendez-Hagedorn, Yadira  
**Subject:** Fwd: Regarding file #211110: Purchase of 30th St. rail corridor

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**From:** Joyce Tang Boyland <jtangb@gmail.com>  
**Date:** November 9, 2021 at 9:36:18 PM CST  
**To:** "Melendez-Hagedorn, Yadira" <Y.Melendez-Hagedorn@milwaukee.gov>, "Bauman, Robert" <rjbauma@milwaukee.gov>, "Borkowski, Mark" <Mark.Borkowski@milwaukee.gov>, "Perez, Jose" <JoseG.Perez@milwaukee.gov>, "Stamper II, Russell" <Russell.StamperII@milwaukee.gov>, "Zamarripa, JoCasta" <JoCasta.Zamarripa@milwaukee.gov>  
**Subject: Regarding file #211110: Purchase of 30th St. rail corridor**

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Dear Chairman Bauman, Vice-Chair Borkowski, and Aids. Perez, Stamper, and Zamarripa (City of Milwaukee Public Works Committee),

I am writing in support of the purchase of the 30th St. Rail corridor. As ordinary citizens of Milwaukee who have lived in many places around the world, we have seen the impact of both wise and unwise land-use and transportation decisions on the future of cities. Acquiring the 30th Street corridor at this time would go a long way toward setting us on the right track for equitable multi-modal transportation that serves all Milwaukeeans and attracts visitors. Please prioritize this purchase; it is a generational opportunity for a resource that not only today's Milwaukee will appreciate, but a legacy that will be remembered by generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration and your hard work and passion for the city of Milwaukee, which we share.

John and Joyce Tang Boyland  
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**From:** Bauman, Robert  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 8:13 PM  
**To:** Melendez-Hagedorn, Yadira  
**Subject:** Fwd: 30th St. Corridor Resolution

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**From:** David Loken <dtloken@gmail.com>  
**Date:** November 8, 2021 at 12:04:46 PM CST  
**To:** "Bauman, Robert" <rjbauma@milwaukee.gov>  
**Cc:** "Kovac, Nik" <nkovac@milwaukee.gov>  
**Subject:** **30th St. Corridor Resolution**

Alder Bauman,

Just saw the text of your 30th St. Corridor resolution pop up. Just want to say way to go & keep pushing on this very crucial matter!

(cc'ing Kovac to register my support for if and when it comes up)

Best,

David Loken

Alderman Robert Bauman  
Chair, Public Works Committee  
Milwaukee Common Council  
200 E Wells St # 205  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

11/09/2021

Dear Alderman Bauman and members of the Public Works Committee:

I am writing to express our support for resolution #211110 directing the Departments of City Development and Public Works to collaborate with the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee to initiate discussions with Wisconsin & Southern Railroad to explore the purchase of the Glendale Line so that it can be used for a dedicated bike and pedestrian trail and a commuter/light rail system, while continuing railroad freight operations.

By the City taking initiative on this acquisition process, we are one step closer to providing a more substantial level of transportation options in the heart of the city for residents that live on and near the corridor. In addition, by referencing the City of Milwaukee's Complete Streets Health and Equity Report, the adjacent corridor neighborhoods have a high concentration of residents living at or below the poverty level, in turn these residents have historically and in present day, face an abundance of poor public health outcomes. We must work diligently to provide support in equitably developing the area, reconnecting the rest of the city through what has been noted by outsiders as a worldclass urban trail network. I am here to say that this network isn't world class without the 30th street corridor coming to fruition through our collective action; rooted in equitable outcomes.

In order to achieve equitable outcomes even for the process of acquisition, I ask that city staff and anyone they contract with, works with a strong knowledge of our community goals, policies, and plans such as the 30th Street Corridor Shared-Use Trail Preliminary Feasibility Study. Milwaukeeans, especially those residing in close proximity to the 30th street corridor deserve to thrive; living in place.

I also ask that file #211110 resolution include language requiring detailed reporting from the Departments of City Development and Public Works on the progress of these discussions to the Common Council by February 1, 2022.

Respectfully,



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Chairman • Greg Marcus



President • Julia Taylor

November 9, 2021

Dear Public Works Committee Members,

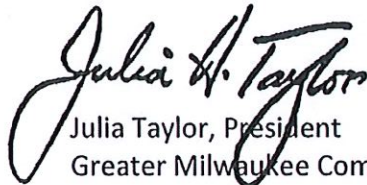
I wish to express support for the resolution directing the Departments of City Development and Public Works to work with the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee to initiate discussions with WATCO/Wisconsin & Southern Railroad to explore the purchase of the Glendale Line. This is a substitute resolution relating to the 30th Street railroad right-of-way by Alderman Baumann file #211110.

I support for the development of a dedicated bike and pedestrian trail, and a commuter/light rail system, while continuing railroad freight operations. The Departments of City Development and Public Works shall report the progress of these discussions to the Common Council by February 1, 2022.

As we plan for to a more prosperous Milwaukee, the development of a 30th Street Shared Use Trail will be a catalytic project for the northwest side of Milwaukee.

I hope there is a full recommendation from the committee and the resolution is sent on for a full council vote. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Julia Taylor, President  
Greater Milwaukee Committee

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November 9, 2021

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Re: Support for City of Milwaukee Purchase of the 30th Street Corridor (for Common Council file #211110)

Dear Alderman Bauman and members of the Public Works Committee:

I am writing to voice strong support for the City of Milwaukee to purchase the 30th Street railroad corridor so that it can be used for a dedicated bike and pedestrian trail and a commuter/light rail system, while continuing railroad freight operations. The resolution to initiate discussions for this purchase is an important first step in this process. I also support the language directing the Departments of City Development and Public Works to report the progress of these discussions to the Common Council by February 1, 2022.

This is one of the most important actions that our city government can take to improve transportation options, fill a critical gap in our trail system, and create a valuable public amenity that will be a catalyst for reinvestment in adjacent neighborhoods. Obtaining the corridor would make it possible to establish an important branch of the commuter rail system shown in the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission's VISION 2050 plan. This particular commuter rail line would serve neighborhoods with some of the region's lowest household automobile ownership levels. Establishing this commuter rail line would also create opportunities for new jobs and housing near stations. The dedicated bike and pedestrian trail would provide a key link in the proposed Route of the Badger regional trail system, connecting the Hank Aaron State Trail with Havenwoods State Forest and parks around Lincoln Creek. Importantly, as identified by a Rails-to-Trails Conservancy study, neighborhoods around this corridor have poor access to our existing Oak Leaf Trail System, so this trail is one of the most timely investments that we can make to improve opportunities for transportation and recreation on the north side of Milwaukee.

As a UW-Milwaukee Professor of Urban Planning, I organized a student project for Willie Karidis of the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy in 2017 to explore community engagement for a bike and pedestrian trail in the 30th Street Corridor. The 30th Street Industrial Corridor Corporation, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, and many other community organizations have done a fantastic job listening to local residents and stakeholders as well as sharing information the potential of this corridor over the last five years.

As a member of Milwaukee Safe and Healthy Streets, a community-based group that seeks to improve pedestrian and bicycle opportunities across all Milwaukee neighborhoods, the 30th Street Corridor trail has been one of my top priorities. I wholeheartedly support this resolution and encourage the City of Milwaukee to move as quickly as possible toward developing the bike and pedestrian trail and commuter/light rail line.

Sincerely,

*Robert J. Schneider*

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**From:** Willie Karidis <willie@railstotrails.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 10, 2021 8:10 AM  
**To:** Melendez-Hagedorn, Yadira  
**Cc:** Bauman, Robert; Borkowski, Mark; Perez, Jose; Stamper II, Russell; Zamarripa, JoCasta  
**Subject:** file #211110.  
**Attachments:** 30thSt\_Preliminary Feasibility Study\_Final 10.2.20.pdf

Dear Alderman Bauman and members of the Public Works Committee:

I am writing to voice my strong support for the City of Milwaukee to purchase the 30th Street railroad corridor so that it can be used for a dedicated bike and pedestrian trail and a commuter/light rail system, while continuing railroad freight operations. The resolution to initiate discussions for this purchase is an important first step in this process. I also support the language directing the Departments of City Development and Public Works to report the progress of these discussions to the Common Council by February 1, 2022.

This is the catalytic project of our time and one of the most important actions that our city government can take to improve transportation options, fill a critical gap in our trail system, and create a valuable public amenity that will be a catalyst for reinvestment in adjacent neighborhoods. Obtaining the corridor would make it possible to establish an important branch of the commuter rail system shown in the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission's VISION 2050 plan. This particular commuter rail line would serve neighborhoods with some of the region's lowest household automobile ownership levels. Establishing this commuter rail line would also create opportunities for new jobs and housing near stations.

The dedicated bike and pedestrian trail would provide a key link in the proposed Route of the Badger regional trail system, connecting the Hank Aaron State Trail with Havenwoods State Forest, as well as the future Beerline Trail connections and parks around Lincoln Creek.

Importantly, as identified by our 2017 Rails-to-Trails Conservancy study, Reconnecting Milwaukee, neighborhoods around this corridor have poor access to the existing Oak Leaf Trail System, so this trail is one of the most timely investments that we can make to improve opportunities for transportation and recreation on the north side of Milwaukee.

In September of 2020 eleven partners released a Preliminary Feasibility Study (attached) focused on the 30th Street Corridor Shared Use Trail. We found that while challenging (as most trail projects are), the Shared Use Trail could be built recognizing pinch points and existing freight rail. This study did not evaluate commuter rail though we support this important infrastructure for the long term revitalization of the northwest side.

Thank you for taking the time to discuss this important resolution and for your support moving forward.

Sincerely,  
Willie Karidis



Willie Karidis

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*Route of the Badger Vision: "Building a powerful 700-mile inclusive regional trail network with new opportunities for physical activity, equity, tourism, recreation and stronger businesses along its route."*