

December 3, 2001

To the Public Improvements Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 011080

Dear Honorable Members:

The Common Council of the City of Milwaukee adopted Resolution File Number 981740 on April 30, 1999, approving the plats of right-of-way required for the improvement of West Good Hope Road between North 124th Street and the USH 41/45 Interchange and North 124th Street between Dretzka Park Road and West Brown Deer Road. These projects, known as the Jobs Corridor Projects, were undertaken by the City of Milwaukee, Village of Menomonee Falls and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT) under an agreement which holds the City and Village responsible for all right-of-way acquisition, relocation, and demolition costs deemed necessary for the construction of the two roadways. The City and Village have entered into a cost sharing agreement, which names the City responsible for 50% of the costs and the Village responsible for 50% of the costs. The City is the lead agency in the billing process.

Due to the fast-track nature of these projects, the WISDOT agreed to withhold the billing of the costs of these projects until the year 2001, to allow us to include funds in the City's budget. In accord with this agreement and being that the City is the lead agent in the billing process, the WISDOT has recently billed the City for the right-of-way costs. These costs were included in the 2001 Federal/State Aid Major Street Improvement Program Budget.

Therefore, we have prepared and recommend adoption of the attached substitute resolution authorizing the City Comptroller to create the necessary accounts to fund the right-of-way costs associated with the Jobs Corridor Projects.

Very truly yours,

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