

April 24, 2003

To the Honorable, The Public Improvements Committee

Subject: Resolution to prepare and distribute a Request
For Proposal to bore under IH-43 at West Juneau
Avenue to accommodate City conduit.

Dear Honorable Members:

As part of the Marquette Interchange Project, the Juneau Avenue Bridge over IH-43 is proposed to be removed and not rebuilt. The City currently uses the Juneau bridge to support its conduit crossing over IH-43. A conduit crossing at Juneau is necessary in order to support the city communications cabling system in this area. Without the bridge, this crossing will need to go beneath IH-43.

As this is the first occasion that City conduit will be placed by directional boring under the freeway, it would be well-advised to utilize the services of a consultant with experience in the design and construction methods to bore beneath the freeway.

This work is necessary due to the Marquette Interchange project and, as such, the State's share of the cost will be at least 90%. This resolution also authorizes the Commissioner of Public Works to enter into a municipal utility agreement with the State obligating the State to reimburse the City for their share.

This resolution is recommended for adoption which authorizes the Commissioner of Public Works to prepare and distribute a Request for Proposal to generate proposals from qualified consultants with experience in designing and subsequent directional boring. It further authorizes the Commissioner to enter into a contract with that qualified consultant. This resolution also grants authority for the City to enter into a municipal utility agreement with the State to reimburse the City at least 90% of the costs to undertake this work.

Very truly yours,

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