

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT

HPC Meeting Date: 07/25/2011
Ald. Ashanti Hamilton and Ald. Milele Coggs
Staff Reviewer: Carlen Hatala

PROPERTY

Milwaukee River Parkway
Located between Good Hope Road and West
Capitol Drive
Cities of Milwaukee and Glendale, Villages of
Shorewood and Whitefish Bay

OWNER/APPLICANT

Milwaukee County
City of Milwaukee
Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District
City of Glendale
Chicago & North Western/Union Pacific
Chicago & North Western Railway Company
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PROPOSAL

Certified Local Government Review of the National
Register Nomination for the Milwaukee River
Parkway

STAFF COMMENTS

Due to need for constructing or rehabilitating new bridges and other elements within the Milwaukee Parks system, Milwaukee County agreed to have the entire parkway system evaluated for National Register eligibility. The State Review Board for National Register Nominations previously approved a thematic nomination for the overall parkway system in Milwaukee County. Individual National Register nominations are now being prepared for the various components within the parkway system. As a Certified Local Government, Milwaukee's HPC is required to either support or not support the nomination. The Kinnickinnic River Parkway was previously reviewed and supported by the Milwaukee Historic Preservation Commission on July 19, 2010.

The Milwaukee River Parkway retains many of the features from its original design including natural plantings and intact associated parks. It is a significant component in the overall parkway system and much of the work was implemented with federal aid relief work. It appears to meet the requirements of National Register Criterion A: Community Planning and Development. The commission's decision on the Milwaukee River Parkway will be forwarded to the State Historic Preservation Office and included in the comments when this nomination is reviewed at the State Review Board on August 19, 2011.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Recommend that HPC support the nomination.