

September 5, 2003

To the Public Improvements Committee

Subject: Resolution authorizing and directing the proper City officials to negotiate and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Milwaukee and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company regarding various elements associated with the improvement of West Canal Street and the redevelopment of the Menomonee Valley

Dear Honorable Members:

The Department of Public Works (DPW) is currently performing engineering for reconstruction and extension of Canal Street between North 6th Street and Miller Park in the Menomonee Valley. The proposed Canal Street improvements will require modifications to various rail facilities owned by Canadian Pacific Railway Company (CP Rail). Furthermore, DPW and CP Rail have identified additional generally beneficial actions within the Menomonee Valley to improve public safety and facilitate redevelopment efforts.

The attached resolution incorporates a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and CP Rail to document the common understanding with respect to rail improvements necessitated by the Canal Street project and other actions in the Menomonee Valley. The resolution authorizes and directs the proper City officials to negotiate and enter into the Memorandum of Understanding with CP Rail.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

c: Ms. Judy Mitchell