

Reply to Common Council File No. 021699

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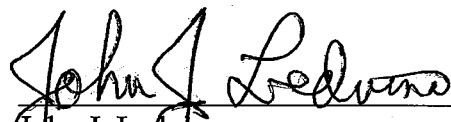
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Common Council File No. 021699 contains a resolution authorizing the release of a portion the 2002 appropriation for the City Hall Complex Remodeling Program. Due to the uncertainty surrounding the 2002 shared revenue payments resulting from former Governor McCallum's state budget reduction proposal, this \$200,000 was "held" as part of Common Council Resolution 011615 adopted on April 23, 2002. Ultimately, the state retained 2002 shared revenue payments at their original levels.

The Commissioner of Public Works has requested this funding release in order to complete needed renovations to the tunnels between City Hall, the Municipal Building, and the 809 Building. The tunnels are used to accommodate electrical and communication needs of City departments as well as for employee movement between buildings. The ceiling, walls, and flooring require replacement in order to provide better access for these utilities while preserving personnel movement.

Three earlier resolutions released \$14.6 million of capital projects from deferred or "hold" status. Should the City Hall Complex Remodeling Program appropriation be released from hold, \$2.6 million of 2002 capital project appropriations will remain on "hold." These projects would be available for release from "hold" at a later date.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE FILE 021699 TO RELEASE \$200,000 OF THE 2002 CAPITAL PROJECT APPROPRIATION FOR THE CITY HALL COMPLEX REMODELING PROGRAM FROM "HOLD" STATUS IMPOSED BY RESOLUTION 011615.



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