February 19, 2003

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Subject: Off-Street Bikeway Study

Dear Council Members:

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT) has informed the City of Milwaukee that the "Off-Street Bikeway Study" project has been approved for funding under the Surface Transportation Discretionary Program. The project consists of conducting a City-wide study to identify and prioritize corridors that would accommodate a paved off-street bikeway system. It is our intention to retain a private consultant to undertake this project.

The WISDOT has submitted the attached Project Agreement to be executed by the City of Milwaukee for the programming of the subject project with 80 percent STP-Discretionary funds. The remaining 20 percent of the project costs will be City funds.

We have prepared and recommend adoption of the attached resolution which authorizes and directs the Commissioner of Public Works to execute the Project Agreement and authorizes and directs the City Comptroller to create the proper accounts for the project.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey S. Polenske, P.E. City Engineer

Mariano A. Schifalacqua Commissioner of Public Works

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