

## **Ghassan Korban, P.E.**

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### Education

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- Masters of Science, Construction Management, Marquette University, 1987
- Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering, Marquette University, 1984

### Personal and Professional Skills/Strengths

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- Skilled negotiator and facilitator
- Approachable and Collaborative
- Creative problem solver
- Decision maker
- Strong communicator and leader
- Loyal and committed to the City

### Experience

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#### **Commissioner of Public Works, City of Milwaukee**

(June 2011-present)

Responsible for managing a workforce of over 2000 public servants under four Divisions and annual Budget of over \$420 M. All four Divisions of the department work seamlessly to support the Department's mission of enriching the lives of the City of Milwaukee Residents, businesses, and visitors.

The four divisions of the department are *Milwaukee Water Works, Operations* (Sanitation, Forestry, Parking, and Fleet), *Infrastructures Services* (Streets and bridges, Sewers, Buildings and facilities street lighting, Traffic signals, etc...) and *Administrative services* (HR, Safety, Special Events, contracts, Coordination, workforce development, Small Business Enterprise monitoring ).

Current major projects: Street car project/The Hop, Milwaukee Bucks Arena and the Live block project, Lakefront gateway project, ADA compliance project, Lead Service Line Replacement Program, The High Impact paving Program, among others.

#### **Coordination Manager, Department of Public Works, City of Milwaukee**

(April 2007-August 2011)

##### Project management/administration:

- Administer all formal and informal DPW contracts.
- Liaison between DPW and other city departments on development and other matters.
- Liaison between Business Improvement Districts and Business Associations.
- Manage all Out-of-Program Agreements involving residential developments.
- Manage Milwaukee River Skimmer operations.
- Represent DPW on all Riverwalk-related issues.

##### Policy-oriented programs:

- Primary author of the City of Milwaukee Streetscaping Design Standards.
- Served as the City of Milwaukee ADA coordinator.
- Primary coordinator of the Support for Business program.
- Responsible for coordinating most Sustainability DPW projects through the city.
- Coordinate the All Hazard Mitigation Plan for the City of Milwaukee.
- Insure compliance relative to EBE, RPP and LBE programs.
- DPW representative on the Disparity Study Committee.

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### Previous positions with the City of Milwaukee Department of Public Works

- Chief Construction Engineer, Infrastructure Services Division (January 2006- April 2007)
- District Manager, Construction Section, Infrastructure Services Division (2000-2006)
- Construction Supervisor, Construction Section (1994-2000)
- Utility Coordinator, Construction Section (1992-1994)
- Testing Laboratory Assistant Manager, Construction Section (1991-1992)
- Project Engineer, Construction Section (1987-1991)

### Highlights of experience with the City of Milwaukee

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- Responsible for the construction and management of the Milwaukee Streetcar system; The Hop!
- Created the Lead Service Line replacement Program- A holistic approach in tackling over 75,000 lead services in Milwaukee.
- Initiated the Support for Business Program
- Developed the High Impact Paving Program, a cost effective and extreme make-over resurfacing program
- Primary construction manager for all DPW contracts and all Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) contracts within the City of Milwaukee.
- Responsible for establishing an annual Master Contract with the Wisconsin DOT.
- Responsible for one of two Design and Construction Districts in the City of Milwaukee, managing a staff of 50 engineers, technicians and administrative staff.
- Manage two Service Master Contracts with two private firms and coordinate all construction projects under Out-of-program Agreements between the City and private developers, while monitoring EBE compliance and residency participation on State-funded projects.
- Effectively manage interaction within City and State departments, Business Improvement Districts, private developers, elected officials, local businesses and citizens including project coordination, diplomacy and conflict resolution.
- Managed Ground Penetration Radar and Non-Destructive Testing programs
- Responsible for daily operation of the City of Milwaukee Testing Laboratory
- Responsible for managing major paving projects by providing direction to contractors, enforcing City's specifications and plans and handle public concerns.

### Other responsibilities and Community Involvement:

Chairs the Milwaukee Streetcar Review Committee,

Member of the City of Milwaukee Water Quality Task Force

Member of the Milwaukee Capitol Improvement Committee

Member of the Advisory Committee on Transportation Systems Planning and Programming for the Milwaukee Urbanized Area,

Board Member of the following organizations: Milwaukee River Walk district, The River Revitalization Foundation, The Near West Side Partners and the Menomonee Valley Partners, and the East Town Association.

Recipient of the River Hero Award presented by the Milwaukee River Keepers, the Daniel Burnham Award presented by the Milwaukee River walk District, and the Downtown Partner Award.

