

December 18, 2002

To the Common Council

Subject: Common Council File Number 021322

Dear Honorable Members:

Acquisition of abandoned railroad corridors for the construction of bike trails and recreational uses is eligible for State and/or Federal aid under the Transportation Enhancements/STP-D program. In an effort to provide a valuable link in the Beer Line Bike Trail and provide recreational opportunities in the Riverwest neighborhood, we have made application under The Transportation Enhancement/STP-D program for a project known as The Beer Line Bike/Recreational Corridor Project.

We have requested and received preliminary approval from WISDOT, along with the attached project agreement to be executed by the City of Milwaukee, for the programming and construction of the Beer Line Bike/Recreational Corridor Project with 80% State and/or Federal aid and the remaining 20% to be funded by the City of Milwaukee.

We have prepared and recommend adoption of the attached resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Works to execute the project agreement and to take action as necessary to implement this project..

The resolution also authorizes and directs the City Comptroller to transfer funds to the project subaccount for the estimated costs for design and construction.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey S. Polenske, P.E.
City Engineer

Mariano A. Schifalacqua
Commissioner of Public Works

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Attachment
c: Mr. W.M. Morics