April 21, 2008

To the Honorable, the Common Council

 $Subject: \ \ South \ 2^{nd} \ Street-West \ National$

Avenue to the Menomonee River

Dear Council Members:

Common Council Resolution File Number 010810, adopted on November 6, 2001, authorized and directed the Commissioner of Public Works to execute a project agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT) for the programming and construction of South 2nd Street between West National Avenue and the Menomonee River with Federal and/or State aid under the Surface Transportation Program.

The original project agreement did not include project identification numbers and the associated funding necessary for "quiet zone" improvements to the Canadian Pacific Railroad crossing located just north of the Menomonee River which has recently been added to the scope of this project. Consequently, the WISDOT has sent a revised agreement which includes two new identification numbers to address the installation of a "quiet zone" which includes a new gate system across the roadway at the location of the railroad crossing and updates to the crossing surface itself. These additional construction costs amount to \$400,000, of which the Federal/State share is \$80,000 and the City's share is \$320,000. The amounts are reflected in the attached revised project agreement.

The attached resolution authorizes the Commissioner of Public Works to execute the revised project agreement. Future resolutions will authorize the City Comptroller to create the necessary accounts for construction of the railroad "quiet zone" improvements and transfer the amounts required under the attached revised agreement.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey S. Polenske, P.E. City Engineer

Jeffrey J. Mantes Commissioner of Public Works

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Attachment

c: Alderman Robert Bauman