



## Layton Boulevard West Neighbors

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City of Milwaukee Public Works Committee  
c/o Alderman Robert Bauman, Chair  
200 East Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Public Works Committee members,

It has come to my attention that your committee is tasked with approving the multi-party agreement that would allow redevelopment of Airline Yards as part of the Hank Aaron State Trail and construction of the two pedestrian bridges to proceed. We at Layton Boulevard West Neighborhood have been advocates of this project for a long time, and we would like to encourage you to approve it.

A central element of our organization's mission is to increase home ownership in the Silver City, Burnham Park, and Layton Park neighborhoods. The recent construction of the Valley Passage at 37<sup>th</sup> and Pierce has provided an extremely convenient means for our residents to access the employment and recreation resources in the Menomonee Valley, and has served as a major selling point for attracting new home owners. In fact, the Silver City Townhomes, built as walk-to-work housing in anticipation of the construction of these amenities, were fully leased well ahead of schedule due to the eagerness of people to live close to the Hank Aaron State Trail. The addition of 24-acres of park and two further pedestrian bridges will make travelling between the neighborhoods and the Valley even more convenient, and we believe it will draw even more families to move into and revitalize the neighborhood.

I need not tell you that Milwaukee has struggled with high home foreclosure rates in recent years. Any steps we can take to improve the infrastructure and amenities in our city will go a long way toward reversing the trend. We believe that support of these bridges, as well as the park that they will be connected to, will serve to expand the success we have already seen in increasing home ownership and revitalizing neighborhoods. Please support our community by allowing this project to proceed.

Sincerely,

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