

July 24, 2001

To the Honorable Common Council
Public Improvements Committee
City of Milwaukee

Dear Committee Members:

Attached is File No. 010145, being an ordinance to grant an air-space lease to the Wisconsin Center District and Milwaukee City Center, LLC for the construction of a pedestrian bridge over West Wisconsin Avenue between North 5th Street and North 6th Street, in the 4th Aldermanic District.

This air-space lease will allow the Hilton Hotel to connect a pedestrian bridge to the Midwest Express Center. The Special Committee on Air and Subterranean Space Lease structures reviewed the lease on July 18, 2001 and recommended its approval.

The City Plan Commission at its regular meeting on July 23, 2001 reviewed and considered the proposed pedestrian bridge. Because of concerns that the proposal was in conflict with city policies relative to encouraging street level pedestrian activities, the commission was unable to formulate a recommendation and therefore referred the attached ordinance back to committee without a recommendation.

Sincerely,

Julie A. Penman
Executive Secretary
City Plan Commission of Milwaukee