

# SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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February 28, 2007

Mayor and Members of the City Of Milwaukee  
Common Council  
c/o Mr. Ronald Leonhardt, Clerk  
200 E Wells St, Rm 205  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

In accordance with Section 66.0309(10) of the *Wisconsin Statutes*, the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission hereby provides a certified copy of SEWRPC Planning Report No. 49, *A Regional Transportation System Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin: 2035*. A copy of Commission Resolution No. 2006-11 adopting this plan as a guide for the physical development of the Region is bound in the front of this report. The report is also available on-line in PDF (portable document format) on the Commission website at [www.sewrpc.org](http://www.sewrpc.org).

The Region needs a high quality transportation system to support maintenance and expansion of the Region's economy and to assist in providing a high quality of life for the Region's residents. The Region's transportation system faces a number of challenges including a freeway system that is reaching the end of its service life and will require total reconstruction segment-by-segment over the next 30 to 40 years. The freeway system is of outmoded design with extensive design deficiencies, and traffic volumes and congestion have significantly increased over recent years. Future projections indicate a potential doubling of congestion over the next 30 years if action is not taken. The public transit system of the Region also has extensive deficiencies, needing to provide service across the entire metropolitan area, extend conveniently frequent service throughout the day and evening, and provide higher speed express and rapid service. The new year 2035 regional transportation plan is designed to address these challenges. The plan is a comprehensive, multi-modal, balanced, and integrated plan including recommendations for public transit, arterial street and highway (both freeways and surface arterials), travel demand and transportation systems management actions, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The plan explicitly considered first the potential of more efficient land use and expanded public transit, systems management, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and demand management to alleviate traffic congestion. Highway improvements were only then considered and recommended to address any residual congestion.

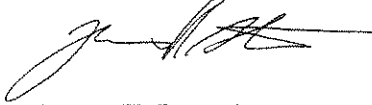
It is respectfully requested that, upon the recommendation of your local plan commission, your Common Council endorse the new design year 2035 regional transportation system plan, and integrate recommendations of the plan into your local planning, regulatory, and other activities related to transportation. Specific recommendations regarding plan implementation are contained in Chapter X of Planning Report No. 49. A sample resolution for regional plan endorsement is enclosed.

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City Of Milwaukee endorsement of the regional plan is important to help assure a common understanding among the Counties within the Region, as well as among the various state and federal agencies of government involved, and to enable work to continue on plan implementation.

If the Commission or its staff can be of any assistance to the City Of Milwaukee in its consideration of the plan, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas H. Buestrin', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Thomas H. Buestrin  
Chairman

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Enclosures

**MODEL RESOLUTION FOR COUNTY AND LOCAL ENDORSEMENT OF THE  
YEAR 2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN FOR  
SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, which was duly created by the Governor of the State of Wisconsin in accordance with Section 66.0309(2) of the *Wisconsin Statutes* on the 8th day of August 1960, upon petition of the Counties of Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Walworth, Washington, and Waukesha, has the function and duty of making and adopting a master plan for the physical development of the Southeastern Wisconsin Region; and

WHEREAS, the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission adopted on June 21, 2006, a transportation system plan for the development of the Region to the year 2035; and

WHEREAS, the year 2035 regional transportation system plan and the supporting inventories, analyses, objectives, principles, standards, and forecasts are set forth in a published report entitled SEWRPC Planning Report No. 49, *A Regional Transportation System Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin: 2035*; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has transmitted certified copies of its resolution adopting that transportation system plan, together with the aforementioned SEWRPC Planning Report No. 49, to the local units of government of the Southeastern Wisconsin Region; and

WHEREAS, the (Name of Local Governing Body) believes that the transportation system plan prepared by the Commission will be a valuable guide not only to the development of the Region but of the (County) (community) as well, and that the endorsement of such plan by the (Name of Local Governing Body) will assure a common understanding by the several governmental levels and agencies concerned and enable their staffs to program the necessary areawide and local plan implementation work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the (Name of Local Governing Body) on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_, hereby endorses the regional transportation system plan for the year 2035, previously adopted by the Commission, as set forth in SEWRPC Planning Report No. 49 as a guide for regional and community development.

BE IT FURTHER HEREBY RESOLVED that the (County) (City) (Village) (Town) clerk transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.

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Presiding Officer

ATTESTATION:

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Clerk