

September 7, 2001

To the Public Improvements Committee

Subject: Common Council File No. 010651

Dear Honorable Members:

The extension and improvement of West Canal Street from Miller Park to North 6th Street is included in the City's Long-Range Major Street Program. The project will provide a direct east-west route through the Menomonee Valley in efforts to spur development in the Valley. The project, with a total estimated cost of \$26,950,000, is eligible for Federal and/or State aid and the State has agreed to assist in funding the improvement. It is anticipated that the State will provide highway money as well as local gaming funds. The exact State participation in the project, however, will not be finalized until the State Budget is approved. In order to begin preliminary engineering work on the project, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT) has established a preliminary engineering project (estimated at \$3,200,000) and submitted a Project Agreement to the City for execution. This initial agreement will allow the project to begin so that the construction work can be accomplished before the start of the WISDOT rebuilding of the Marquette Interchange. Once the State Budget is finished, WISDOT intends to then submit a new Project Agreement to include the other phases of the project. Further Common Council action on the new Agreement will be necessary.

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We have prepared and recommend adoption of the attached substitute resolution authorizing and directing the Commissioner of Public Works to execute the Agreement for the West Canal Street project. This resolution also authorizes the City Comptroller to transfer funds and establish the preliminary engineering subaccounts for the project.

Very truly yours,

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Commissioner of Public Works

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