

February 25, 2003

To the Honorable
Common Council

Subject: South 27th Street (STH 241)
Union Pacific Underpass

Dear Council Members:

The Common Council adopted Resolution File Number 981633 on March 23, 1999, authorizing and directing the Commissioner of Public Works to execute a Project Agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT) for the improvement of South 27th Street (STH 241) between West Oklahoma Avenue and West Lincoln Avenue with Federal and/or State Aid under the State Trunk Highway Improvement Program. Preliminary engineering work is underway and the project is scheduled for construction in 2004. Within the South 27th Street project limits, the bridge carrying South 27th Street over the Union Pacific Railroad Right of Way is also in need of repair. It is our desire to do the bridge rehabilitation work with the adjacent street work and we subsequently received approval from the WISDOT to include the bridge rehabilitation work in the project. Preliminary engineering work for the bridge is eligible for 75% Federal/State aid and the bridge construction work is eligible for 100% Federal/State aid. The estimated cost of preliminary engineering is \$90,000, of which the City's share is \$22,500.

We have, therefore, prepared the attached resolution authorizing and directing the City Comptroller to create the necessary subaccounts and transfer funds to cover the costs of the preliminary engineering for the bridge.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey S. Polenske, P.E.
City Engineer

Mariano A. Schifalacqua
Commissioner of Public Works

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Attachment

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c: Alderman Donovan
W. Martin Morics

bc: Ms. Lila Gorney
Structural Design Section