

July 12, 2006

To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Common Council File Number 060438  
Kinnickinnic River Bicycle Trail

Dear Honorable Members:

The City of Milwaukee, Department of Public Works previously obtained a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for preliminary engineering, land acquisition, and construction of the Kinnickinnic River Bicycle Trail. The trail runs over the abandoned railroad corridor between South 6<sup>th</sup> Street at West Rosedale Avenue and East Washington Street. The project includes a new bridge over South Chase Avenue. The CMAQ grant pays 80 percent of the project costs with the City paying 20 percent. The total project is estimated to cost \$2,600,000, (\$2,080,000 CMAQ funds, and \$520,000 City funds). The Common Council previously authorized \$199,000 (\$159,200 CMAQ and \$39,800 City) for preliminary engineering. Additional funds are needed to finalize the plans for the proposed bridge over South Chase Avenue. The attached resolution directs the City Comptroller to transfer an additional \$25,000 (\$20,000 CMAQ and \$5,000 City) into the previously established preliminary engineering accounts for the Kinnickinnic River Bicycle Trail project.

Very truly yours,

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Commissioner of Public Works

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Mr. W. Martin Morics, Comptroller