

December 1, 2003

To the Public Improvements Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 031115

Dear Honorable Members:

We have reviewed a request from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT) for permission to install and maintain fiber optic voice and computer data cable located adjacent to the east-west freeway (IH-794) right-of-way and along the north-south freeway (IH-43).

The applicant's request is to install and maintain a communication/data cable in conduit across and beneath the public rights-of-way as follows:

- One portion of the underground conduit will cross West Hinman Street, a freeway off-ramp, East St. Paul Avenue, and North 6th Street to access the Amtrak Station.
- Another portion will follow the IH-43 Freeway right-of-way from a point south of West Walnut Street to a point north of West North Avenue, crossing West Walnut Street, West Brown Street, and West North Avenue.
- A third section will connect two (2) existing manholes in which WISDOT already has facilities near North 17th Street and West Highland Avenue.
- A fourth section will cross North Jackson Street in an east-west direction in the IH-794 corridor approximately 150 feet south of East Clybourn Street.

We do not believe that the proposed installations will have an adverse effect on the general use of the public rights-of-way. We have, therefore, prepared the attached resolution which, if adopted, will permit the WISDOT to install and operate the proposed conduit beneath the public rights-of-way. The attached resolution will also authorize and direct the Commissioner of Public Works to issue the necessary permits for this installation.

Very truly yours,

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Commissioner of Public Works

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Attachment