

June 26, 2002

To the Public Improvements Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 011695

Dear Honorable Members:

Returned herewith is Common Council Resolution File Number 011695, being a petition for a special privilege submitted by Wisconsin Center District to place and maintain railings located within the public right-of-way along the north and south sides of West Wells Street for the building known as 400 West Wisconsin Avenue.

The request is for permission to place and maintain railings in the public right-of-way on the north and south sides of West Wells Street . The railings are to redirect pedestrian traffic entering and exiting the Midwest Express Center east to the intersection of North 4th and West Wells Streets. In order to encourage pedestrians to use the intersection for safety purposes, the existing crosswalk mid-block lines will be removed. The railings will be located approximately 150 feet west of North 4th Street. Currently, a mid-block crosswalk exists at this location.

We do not believe that the railings will have an adverse effect upon pedestrian usage of the public right-of-way in this area. We have, therefore, prepared the attached resolution, which, if adopted, would allow the railings to occupy the public right-of-way.

Very truly yours,

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Commissioner of Public Works

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Commissioner
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Attachment