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Tom Haas 1426 West Wanda Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53221 RE: C.I. File No: 02-S-91

Dear Mr. Haas:

This office is in receipt of your claim in the amount of \$210.14, relating to damages you sustained to your vehicle on December 10, 2001 when a section of roadway collapsed at S.14<sup>th</sup> St. and W. Grange Ave.

The Infrastructure Services Division Records indicate the Division was not engaged in any maintenance work along S. 14<sup>th</sup> St. and W. Grange Ave. at the time of this incident. Their records do show that permits were issued to two contractors to conduct work in the right-of-way along W. Grange Ave. between S. 13<sup>th</sup> St. and S. 27<sup>th</sup> St.. Permit 0125-0076 was issued to TDS Metrocom, 301 S. Westfield, Madison, WI 53717 to install fiber optic cable. Permit 0125-0077 was issued to Arby Construction, 19705 W. Lincoln Ave., New Berlin, WI 53146 to restore the pavement and sidewalks disturbed by TDS Metrocom in the 1400 Block of W. Grange Ave. The Division was advised of a cave in at S. 14<sup>th</sup> St. and W. Grange Ave. by the Milwaukee Police on December 10, 2001. A street maintenance crew placed a barricade at the site within one hour of notification. Since your loss occurred through no negligence of the City, it cannot accept liability. Accordingly, we are denying your claim.

If you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so by sending a letter within 21 days of the receipt of this letter to the Milwaukee City Clerk, 200 East Wells Street, Room 205, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, requesting a hearing.

Very truly yours,

GRANT FLANGLEY

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