May 23, 2006

To the Honorable, the Common Council

Subject: South 29th Street Bridge over Union Pacific Railroad Company

Dear Council Members:

South 29th Street Bridge is included on the Department of Public Works Long Range Major Bridge Program. The improvement is eligible for 80 percent Federal cost participation for improvement under the Bridge Replacement Program.

Common Council Resolution File Number 041495, adopted April 15, 2005 authorized the execution of a project agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT) for the preliminary engineering work for the project. The project agreement provided funding participation of 80 percent Federal aid for preliminary engineering costs with 20 percent City participation. Preliminary engineering activities on this project are currently underway.

Recently, we have updated the construction costs for the South 29th Street Bridge, requested and received a revised project agreement from WISDOT for execution by the City of Milwaukee. The total estimated construction cost for the project changed from \$1,178,000 to \$1,835,500 of which the City's share is \$367,100.

We have prepared and recommend adoption of the attached resolution authorizing and directing the Commissioner of Public Works to execute the revised project agreement.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey S. Polenske, P.E. City Engineer

Jeffrey J. Mantes Commissioner of Public Works

LCG:amh Attachment c: Alderman Tony Zielinski Mr. W. Martin Morics