



MARQUETTE
UNIVERSITY

July 15, 2008

The Honorable Robert Bauman
City Hall
200 E. Wells Street, Room 205
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Dear Alderman Bauman:

Marquette University wishes to express its support for the repainting of lane lines on West Wells Street between North 11th and 27th streets, which will be considered by the Common Council's Public Works Committee on July 16 (File 050096).

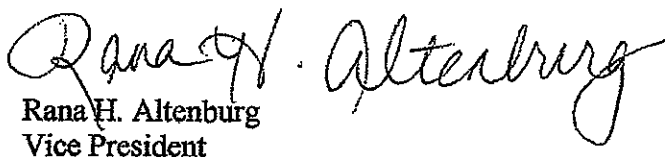
We understand that in repainting the center line there will be one travel lane and one parking lane in each direction with appropriate left-turn lanes at North 11th and 27th streets. As you note in your resolution, an offset center line creates a safety hazard and in addressing this concern on behalf of drivers and pedestrians, the new lines will also enhance traffic flow along this vital street bordering the university.

However, the university asks that in this repainting that an eastbound left-turn lane be provided for vehicles entering our Wells Street Parking Structure at 1240 W. Wells Street. A left-turn lane for drivers traveling east on Wells who wish to enter the structure will reduce or even eliminate traffic backups that will result from a vehicle blocking the single lane of travel while waiting to enter the structure.

I am glad to discuss this issue further at your request and will be pleased to place the Department of Public Works in contact with our staff should it be needed. Please let us know how the university can assist.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Rana H. Altenburg
Vice President

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