

March 27, 2009

To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Downtown Streetscape Public Art
Demonstration Project

Dear Honorable Members:

As part of the development of primary pedestrian corridors in the Milwaukee Central Business District, public art has been defined as one of the components included in the recommended kit of parts for the implementation of corridor streetscape improvements. A public art demonstration project has been recommended by the Downtown Streetscape Public Art Advisory Committee established to guide and oversee this component of the streetscape project. As part of the contract for the design and installation of artwork to be included in the demonstration project, a schematic design has been completed and was approved by the Advisory Committee on March 23, 2009. Approval of the schematic design by the City of Milwaukee is required under terms of this contract to proceed to the production and installation of the artwork. This resolution would approve the final schematic design for the public art demonstration project, and would authorize commission of the artwork.

Eighty percent of the cost of this work is being funded through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation under a Federal Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Program Grant, with twenty percent City matching funds.

Very truly yours,

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City Engineer

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Commissioner of Public Works

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Attachments