



Legislation Text

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THE CHAIR

Substitute resolution authorizing the City of Milwaukee to accept from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation the first right to acquire the abandoned Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way between South 6th Street and East Washington Street for the development of a bicycle trail.
- Analysis -

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Whereas, The Union Pacific Railroad Company has abandoned their railroad tracks in the corridor between South 6th Street and East Washington Street; and

Whereas, Pursuant to Section 85.09 of the Wisconsin Statutes, the State has the first right to acquire abandoned railway lands; and

Whereas, The statute gives the State the right to assign the first rights to a municipality; and

Whereas, The State has asked if we would like them to assign the first rights to the City of Milwaukee; and

Whereas, The City Engineer is reviewing if acceptance of the first rights would be in the City's best interest; and

Whereas, The City of Milwaukee has applied for State Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funds for a bicycle trail within this abandoned railroad corridor, which would pay for 80% of the land acquisition costs; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee that if the City Engineer determines, based on engineering judgement, it is in the City's best interest to accept the first rights, that the City Engineer, on behalf of the City of Milwaukee, is authorized to accept from the State assignment of the first right to acquire the abandoned Union Pacific Railroad Company right-of-way between South 6th Street and East Washington Street for the development of a bicycle trail.

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