

February 27, 2015

Members of the Common Council

I am recommending that the Common Council rescind Resolution 15-0047 for the following reasons.

1. I am concerned that the estimate for acquiring the parcel of land owned by Adams Outdoor Sign may have been underestimated. City staff estimated \$50,000 for that acquisition, but had a recent discussion with WisDOT where they indicated that the cost could be significantly higher. We are awaiting a final determination from WisDOT.
2. I have discussed this issue with some aldermen and they would like an opportunity to revisit this decision.
3. As often happens with decisions like this, there was very little public opposition to the proposal expressed before the vote. Since the vote was taken, many more residents have expressed their opinion that this decision should be reversed. I think this input should be considered.

The resolution authorized staff to negotiate a revised State Municipal Agreement with WisDOT on State Project ID: 2350-00-00/70. The City will be required to allocate an estimated \$262,612 of additional funding in the 2016 - 2025 CIP budget to cover the estimated cost of this revision. There is still time to notify WisDOT that the city prefers to proceed with the original plan.

I respectfully request that the Common Council suspend the rules and take up this issue at the meeting on Tuesday March 3, 2015.

Respectfully,



John Dickert
Mayor