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Ald. Gregory Holding
Chairman, Public Works
and Services Committee
Racine, Wisconsin

Dear Ald. Holding:

In April 2005, the City of Racine applied for and was subsequently awarded a CMAQ grant for the construction of a bicycle/pedestrian pathway along the Walker site which would extend from the Racine Water Utility property on the north to the Main Street Bridge.

Due to the failure of the Pointe Blue Development project, it is necessary to reallocate these funds for another portion of the Lake Michigan Pathway which is yet to be constructed.

It is our recommendation that a walkway be extended from DeKoven Avenue south along the lake front to the southern limits of the City of Racine at 24th Street, and that another off street section be constructed along Michigan Boulevard from Augusta Street to Melvin Avenue with linkage to the existing off street path which was constructed during Phase II.

The CMAQ grant was in the amount of \$1,278,750.00, with federal participation in the amount of \$1,023,000.00 and the local share in the amount of \$255,750.00. The alternate project, as described, will fall within these budget constraints.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Jones
Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer

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