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Ald. Ronald D. Hart
Chairman, Public Works
and Services Committee
Racine, Wisconsin

Dear Alderman Hart:

Mayor Becker has requested that the City return Marquette Street and Dr. ML King Jr. Drive back into two-way streets. We do not object to this request, but do believe that we need to gather additional information before you, the elected officials, may make an informed decision.

We, therefore, propose that this item be deferred and we will bring back proposals for a traffic engineering study which includes intersection alternative analysis, traffic flow forecasts, and cost estimates for the conversion of these two streets.

This issue must move forward as time is of the essence as it has the potential to impact both the State Street Reconstruction Project and our discussions with the State of Wisconsin to convert Douglas Avenue to STH 32.

I would be happy to address any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Jones
Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer

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