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URS/BRW
Attn: Chris Devery
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Re Bayview - Downtown Milwaukee
Bicycle Route Study


Dear Chris:

Kahler Slater wishes to express its support for a Bayview to Downtown Milwaukee bicycle route. In particular, we believe that the plan option for a route across the Hoan Bridge is the superior solution and one that will most benefit the citizens of Milwaukee. We also feel it will make best use of public funds and study efforts that have been allocated so far. Alternative routes along existing streets and an abandoned rail road right-of-way are options that should be implemented in the future to augment the Hoan bridge bikeway. Indeed, when the overall impact of a project of this nature is assessed, to do other than place the route on the Hoan would be a misplacement of those funds. The social importance of a high profile and significantly visible solution cannot be understated. It is critical to resolving future traffic problems through its implementation as a realistic transportation alternative. If the Hoan bridge bikeway proposal has a flaw, it is the *temporary* designation. Once constructed, the bikeway should be permanent and along with other multi-modal projects, integral to our regional transportation network.

Sincerely,

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