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Subject: Bay View to Downtown Milwaukee Bicycle Route Study

Dear Mr. Fafard:

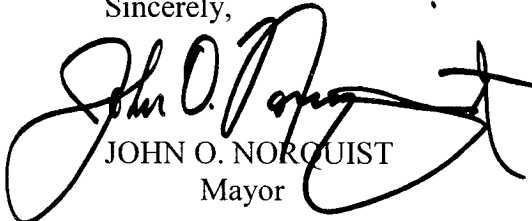
It is my understanding that the Wisconsin Department of Transportation will shortly conclude the Bay View to Downtown Milwaukee Bicycle Route Study, which will include a preferred alternative.

Of the three alternatives currently under consideration, it is my belief that only one, the Hoan Bridge alternative, truly satisfies the objectives of the study. A pedestrian and bicycle lane on the Hoan Bridge would not only provide a safe and enjoyable connection between Bay View and points south with downtown and all its attractions, but it would also become an attraction in and of itself. This is an opportunity to create another great asset along Milwaukee's lakefront that enjoys a strong amount of support within our region's bicycling community.

The Hoan Bridge alternative is the only option from the study that provides a direct connection that will attract new bicycle commuters. I believe the Hoan Bridge's three traffic lanes (compared to two lanes of traffic that approach the bridge from the north and south) and wide shoulders are capable of safely handling additional automobile and bicycle traffic.

For these reasons, the City of Milwaukee Bicycle Task Force, at its August 27, 2001 meeting, voted unanimously in support of the Hoan Bridge alternative. I support the Task Force's position and ask that the Hoan Bridge alternative in the Bay View to downtown Milwaukee Bicycle Route Study be selected to move forward into preliminary engineering.

Sincerely,



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