December 3, 2009

Alderman Jim Witkowiak City Hall, Room 205 200 E. Wells Milwaukee, WI 53202

Re: S. 2nd St. Reconstruction

Dear Alderman Witkowiak:

We are concerned employees of a business on 2nd St. that do not want to see the street narrowed to two lanes of traffic, adding a bicycle lane and making a green area

As of right now, the trucks making deliveries already have difficulty backing into docks and drives. By narrowing the street, you are making it almost if not impossible for these drivers to make their deliveries. Traffic will come to a stop waiting for the drivers to maneuver and deliver, city busses stopping frequently causing major traffic tie-ups. Leaving businesses or getting to them will be a very difficult feat.

Second Street is a commercial area and the amount of bicycle traffic is just about non-existent. Why do we need a bicycle lane for something that will hardly get used when the space could be used for street parking since it is at a premium already?

The proposal also includes a green area. Is the City going to maintain this? I am sure that many of the businesses do not have the equipment to do so and should not have to incur additional costs considering the state of the economy.

As pedestrians that have to cross the street to get to our business, we see this as a hazardous situation. Traffic will be trying to get around stopped vehicles hurrying to get where they have to be and not see the pedestrians.

We hope you will consider all of the businesses' thoughts about this proposal before agreeing with it.

Sincerely,

The Tenants at 170 S. 2nd St.

cc: Mike Sanfelippo Jeffrey Mantes

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