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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Finance and Audit

Judiciary, Safety and
General Services

Transportation,
Public Works,
and Transit

Commuter Rail Moves Ahead

On November 15, 2008, The Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Transit Authority (RTA) recommended to the Governor and the Legislature that the State allow a .5% sales tax for commuter rail and county buses and grant the RTA the power to operate and sponsor all transit in Milwaukee, Racine, and Kenosha Counties.

The Kenosha-Racine-Milwaukee (KRM) commuter rail proposal from the RTA promises economic development for our South Shore communities. Using existing Union Pacific and Canadian Pacific rail lines, with development of train stations in Oak Creek, South Milwaukee, Cudahy, and Bay View, our communities would benefit from economic development and become a transportation corridor connecting riders with jobs from Chicago to Milwaukee and the communities between.

As is so often the case, the devil is in the details. A number of the recommendations made by the RTA would have an impact on transportation in Milwaukee County. Chairman Lee Holloway formed a task force to study the RTA proposal in depth report back to the Milwaukee County Board. The Chairman appointed me to chair this task force, and I am pleased that he also appointed Thomas Kujawa, an 8th District constituent and former head of the Milwaukee County Transit System, to participate in the task force. Our South Shore communities will be well represented.

The first meeting of this task force was held on December 29, 2008, to establish a working format and to organize a public hearing on the issue. The task force will consider various issues, including representation, elected membership, and funding. I look forward to developing suggestions that help meet the needs of our District and County.

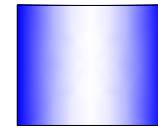
The State of Our Parks and Cultural Institutions

A report by the Public Policy Forum details challenges faced by Parks and cultural institutions supported by Milwaukee County. In response to budget pressures, these entities have put off maintenance and capital improvements. In our Parks System, roads, bridges, and parking lots demand the most attention, while buildings and recreation areas also need repair or replacement. Some cultural institutions have found creative ways to generate revenue. Milwaukee County's Parks System continues to offer low user fees compared to Wisconsin and national parks systems. For the full report go to the following web address:

www.publicpolicyforum.org/pdfs/Parks&Culture.final.pdf

EAST COLLEGE AVENUE

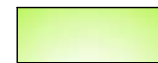
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PENNSYLVANIA/NICHOLSON ROUNDABOUT
PENNSYLVANIA/COLLEGE INTERSECTION
PENNSYLVANIA/NICHOLSON IMPROVEMENTS



2010 CONSTRUCTION BY MILWAUKEE COUNTY (IN STAGES WITH ROAD OPEN)
MILWAUKEE COUNTY FUNDING EAST COLLEGE
COBALT PARTNERS FUNDING AT ROUNDABOUT
COBALT PARTNERS FUNDING ITEMS OUTSIDE ROADWAY



2010 CONSTRUCTION BY MILWAUKEE COUNTY (WITH ROAD CLOSED, NO LOCAL TRAFFIC)
MILWAUKEE COUNTY FUNDING EAST COLLEGE



2010 CONSTRUCTION BY MILWAUKEE COUNTY (IN STAGES WITH ROAD OPEN)
MILWAUKEE COUNTY FUNDING EAST COLLEGE

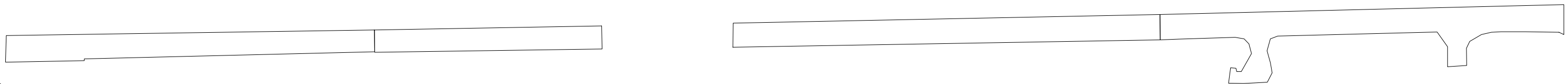


TUNNEL CONSTRUCTION BY GMIA
2009 SUBSTRUCTURE OUTSIDE ROADWAY (WITH ROAD OPEN)
2010 SUBSTRUCTURE AND ROADWAY ITEMS (WITH ROAD CLOSED)
2011 SUPERSTRUCTURE COMPLETION (WITH ROAD OPEN)

GENERAL MITCHELL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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College Avenue

Click here to view the proposed drawing and work schedule for College Avenue reconstruction from Project Engineer Joseph Wieczorek.

Rediscover the Domes

Rediscover the transformed Mitchell Park Domes at “Music Under Glass” each Thursday at 6:30 pm from January through March. A light show precedes and follows the concert, allowing visitors to enjoy pixel and uplighting effects created with LED lights. www.county.milwaukee.gov/FloralShowampEventSc10360/MusicUnderGlass.htm



Holiday Tea

The Friends of Mill Pond held two seasonal events to support their year-round work in restoring the Mill Pond and Oak Creek Watercourse area. Everyone enjoyed the tea, as well as the beautifully decorated Grant Park Clubhouse. Mark your calendars next year's Old Fashioned Christmas Tea on December 12, 2009.

Community Calendar

Thursday, September 8 – Friends of Grant Park meeting, 7pm
At Grant Park Clubhouse.

Friday and Saturday, January 9 and 10 – Asian Celebration of Culture
Create an Indian puppet and Chinese New Year Wreath and listen to a concert in 4 Indo-Pakistani languages. At the Milwaukee Public Museum. www.mpm.edu/events/coc

Sunday, January 11 – last day of Act/React Interactive Art
At the Milwaukee Art Museum. www.mam.org

Thursday, January 15 – Music Under Glass, 6:30 pm (with 5:30 light show)
Ah'vant Soul (R&B). At The Domes. 649-9830
www.county.milwaukee.gov/FloralShowampEventSc10360/MusicUnderGlass.htm

Friday and Saturday, January 16 and 17 – Gallery Night and Day
Visit 47 galleries. A shuttle transports participants on Friday evening.
www.historicthirdward.org/events/GalleryNightParticipants.php

Sunday, January 18 – Samson Stomp & Romp
Participate in your choice of running, walking, or a children's romp. Throughout the morning. In honor of Samson the gorilla. At the Zoo. Register here:
www.milwaukeezoo.org/events/samson.php

Thursday, January 22 – Music Under Glass, 6:30 pm (with 5:30 light show)
Perry Weber & The DeVilles (Blues). At The Domes. 649-9830
www.county.milwaukee.gov/FloralShowampEventSc10360/MusicUnderGlass.htm

Friday, January 30– Restaurants Under Glass, 6:30-8:30 pm
Enjoy music and area restaurants at The Domes. 383-3818
www.jsonline.com/features/food/36832624.html

Saturday, January 31 – “So You Want to Become a Beekeeper...,” 9am - Noon
Apiary class at Boerner Botanical Gardens. \$25 or \$20 for Boerner members. 525-5659

Ongoing

ICE SKATING

At Sheridan Park Lagoon, 4800 S. Lake Dr.
M-F 3-8 pm, Sat & Sun Noon-8pm weather permitting.
Call 257-PARK (7275) for current conditions.

At Red Arrow Park, 920 N. Water St., Milwaukee
(accessible via Route 15, www.ridemcts.com)
Free rink, \$6 skate rental (includes tax) or bring your own.
M-Th: 11am–9pm, Fri & Sat: 11am–11pm, Sun: 11am–8pm
Dec 21–23: 11am–10pm, Dec 24: 11am–3pm, Dec 25: *closed*
Dec 26-27: 11am–11pm Dec 28-30: 11am–10pm New Year's Eve: 11am–1am