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MEDIA ADVISORY

At News Conference, Alderman Terry Witkowski to Address "Plans" to Demolish 44 City Homes As Part of Freeway Project

Citizens are expressing concerns about preliminary design work prepared by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) and the state Department of Transportation for the rebuilding of I-94 south to the Illinois border that includes a redesign of the Mitchell Interchange and the Airport Spur that would bulldoze 44 existing City of Milwaukee homes. The eight-year I-94 project, slated to get underway in 2008 after the completion of the massive Marquette Interchange reconstruction project, would stretch from the Mitchell International Airport to the Illinois state line and would cost about \$1 billion.

Ald. Terry Witkowski will hold a news conference to address the project and residents' concerns tomorrow (Wednesday, October 26, 2005) at 11:45 a.m. on the W. Howard Ave. I-94 overpass (located just north and east of the Plainfield Curve between S. 3rd and S. 4th Streets). Media coverage is invited.

On Wednesday evening, the 13th District Neighborhood Association will hold a neighborhood meeting on the topic at 6:30 p.m. at Walker's Maple Grove, 3555 S. 13th St. Guests will include Ald. Witkowski, Ken Yunker (deputy director) of SEWRPC, and John Oimoen of the state DOT. Members of the media and interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

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