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In 2013 City staff and Isthmus Architects evaluated existing facility conditions and explored conceptual space planning at the Madison Municipal Building (MMB) in an effort to guide and inform the sustainable reuse and rehabilitation of this National Register property. The findings from this evaluation were codified in a report. The report found a number of building and building systems related issues to address, but ultimately determined the MMB is an excellent candidate for sustainable rehabilitation that can successfully meet the City's needs for many years to come.

As an endeavor to revitalize MMB represents a substantial effort with impacts that will last several generations it has become apparent the City should further study uses at both the MMB and City-County Building (CCB) to establish appropriate adjacencies between agencies, improve service to the public, and determine the highest and best use of available space in both facilities. To that end the City has entered into a contract with an architect and engineer team led by Meyer, Scherer, & Rockcastle, Ltd. (MSR) to build on past programming efforts and develop conceptual plans for City uses at both the MMB and CCB.

One important goal of this project will be to create healthy, productive, and pleasant environments for City staff and the public that meet contemporary system, technological, and programmatic needs. This study may result in proposals to relocate City agencies from MMB to CCB and vice versa.

In order to achieve a successful project the City intends to engage a number of stakeholder groups including internal City stakeholder team(s) in an effort to include a broad and varied set of perspectives. Because of the significance of this project and the impact it will have for several generations, I am asking for City agencies to develop a staff team for this project to think expansively, explore, push the boundaries of convention, transcend preconceptions, and determine how the MMB could best work with the proposed Judge Doyle Square project. I have asked the Engineering Division through the Facilities Management Unit to manage this project including the creation of internal City stakeholder team(s). The initial phase of this work shall commence in August 2014 with a goal of completion in early November 2014.

In addition, City Engineering and City Real Estate will jointly be leading a related effort in identifying, securing, and transitioning MMB items and staff to temporary housing in preparation for rehabilitation work.

For both the design and temporary housing efforts you will be contacted shortly by City Engineering staff to begin the planning process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul R. Soglin". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Paul R. Soglin
Mayor