



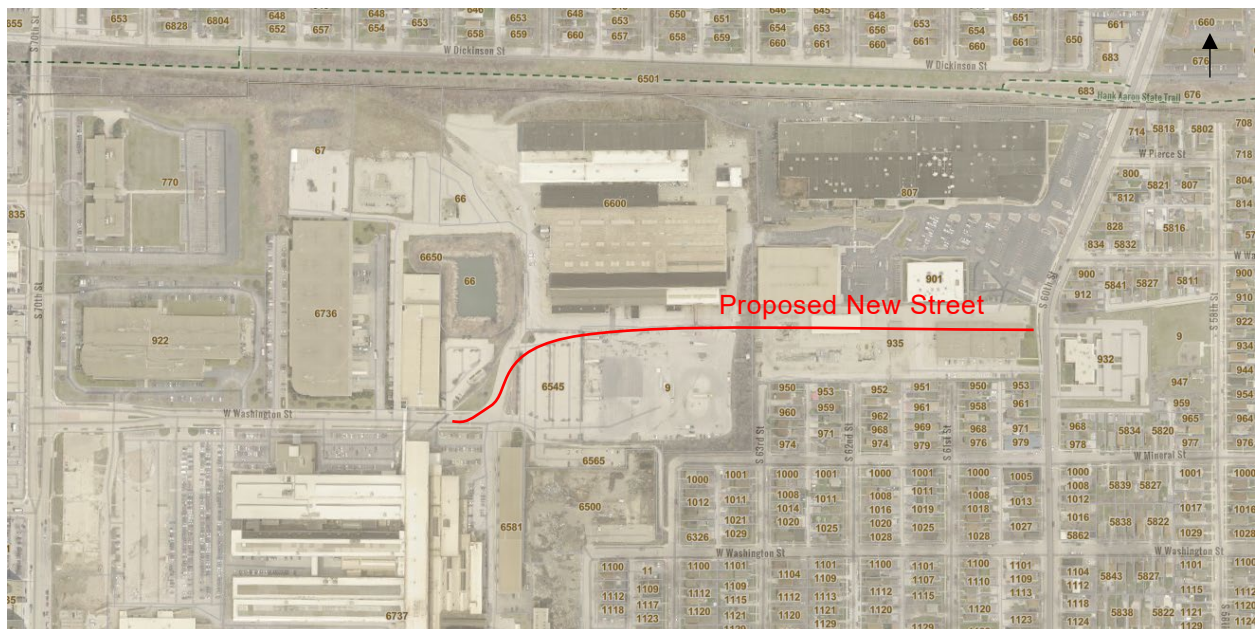
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Honorable Board of Public Works
City of West Allis

Re: New Street and Remnant Parcel Development

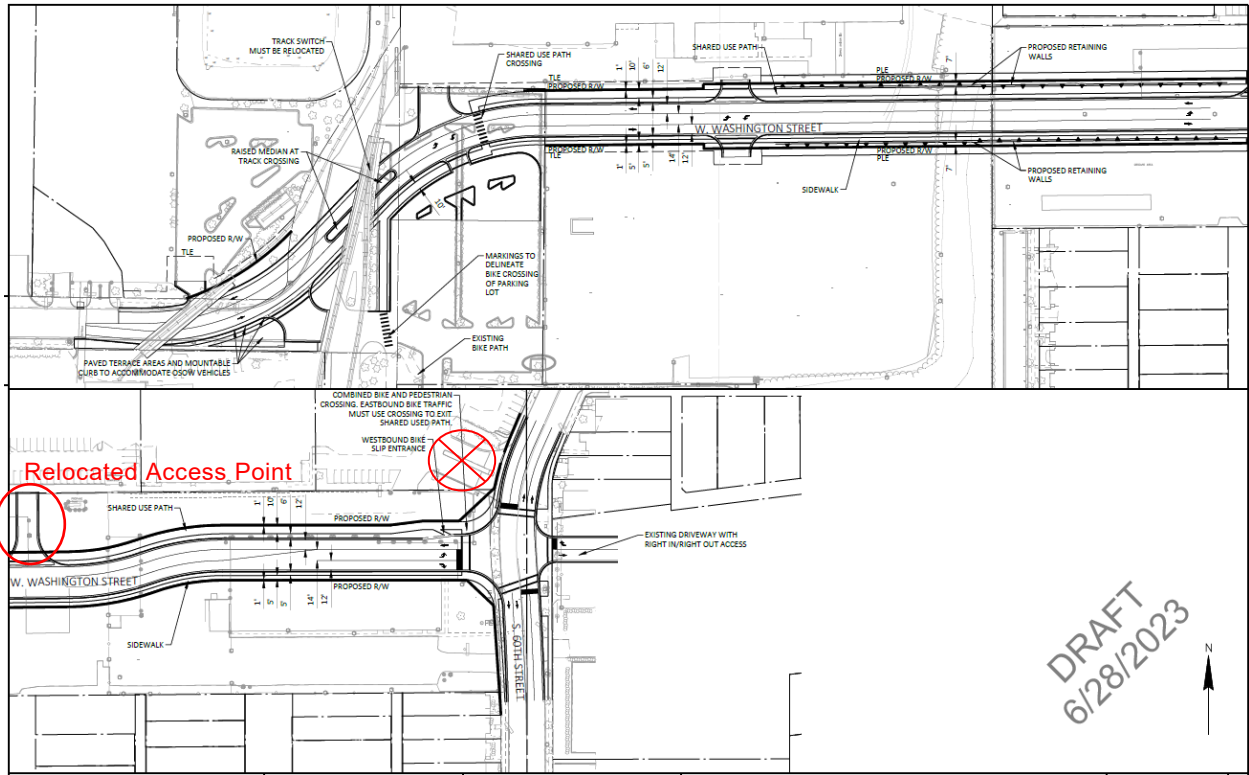
The State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has restarted their plans to upgrade the section of I94 between approximately S. 72nd Street to approximately S. 18th Street (the I94 East-West Freeway). As part of this project, access to I94 at S. Hawley Road will be changed. Access will only be on the west side of S. Hawley Road, meaning that users can only enter the freeway to head west or exit as they head east. There will be no access to enter the freeway and head east or exit as a user is headed west. This change impacts the City of West Allis as it is anticipated that more traffic will use local roads to get to the next access point with a full interchange. As mitigation for the additional traffic, WisDOT has agreed to construct a new street extending W. Washington Street at approximately S. 70th Street and connecting it to S. 60th Street.



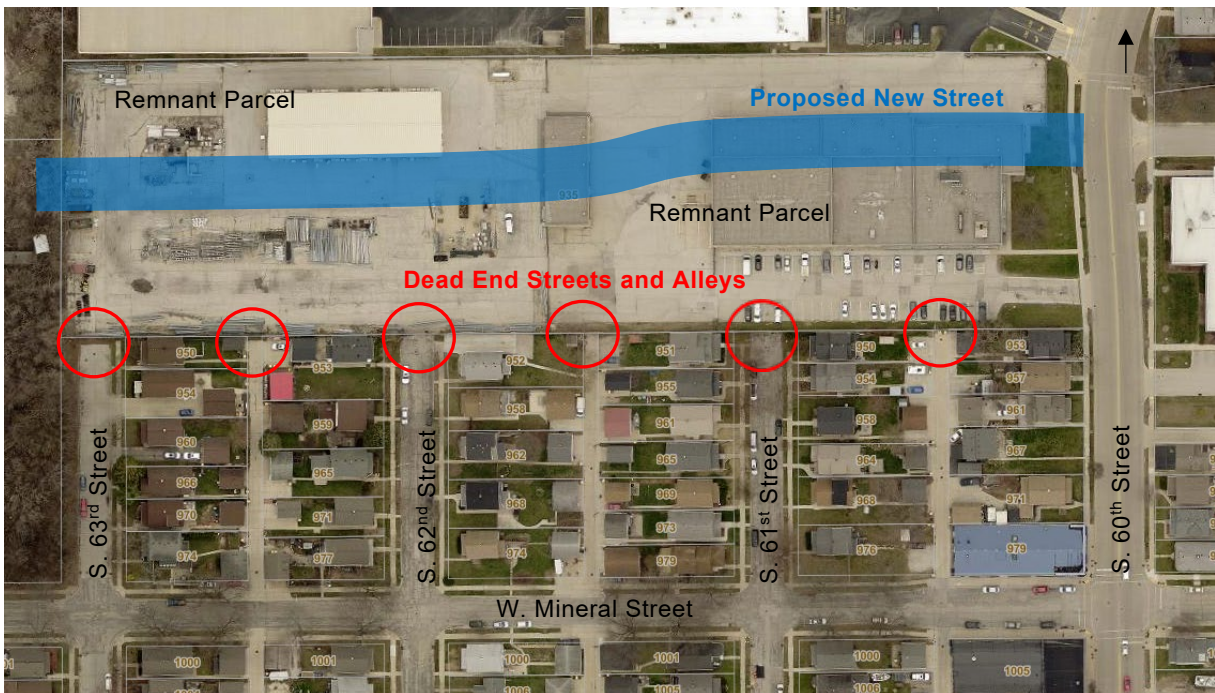
The new street has several positive aspects. It makes an additional east-west connection through the former Allis-Chalmers site creating better connectivity for the citizens. It provides access to lands that did not have public access before and provides redevelopment opportunities.

The new street will be an urban section with curb and gutter and sidewalk on the south side of the street. The north side of the street will have a shared use path for pedestrians and bicyclists which will connect to the existing bike path just west of S. 63rd Street. There will be a center dual turn lane since the areas of redevelopment have not been determined and the exact location of all access points is unknown at this time. The new street connects to S. 60th Street across from the entrance to the former Roosevelt School. This will be a signalized intersection. The existing signal at the

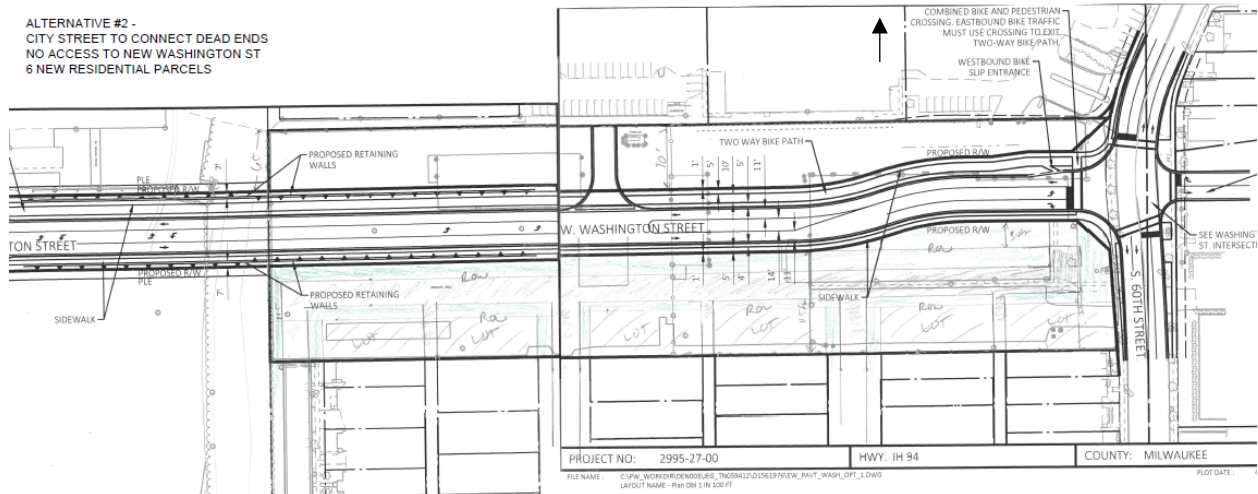
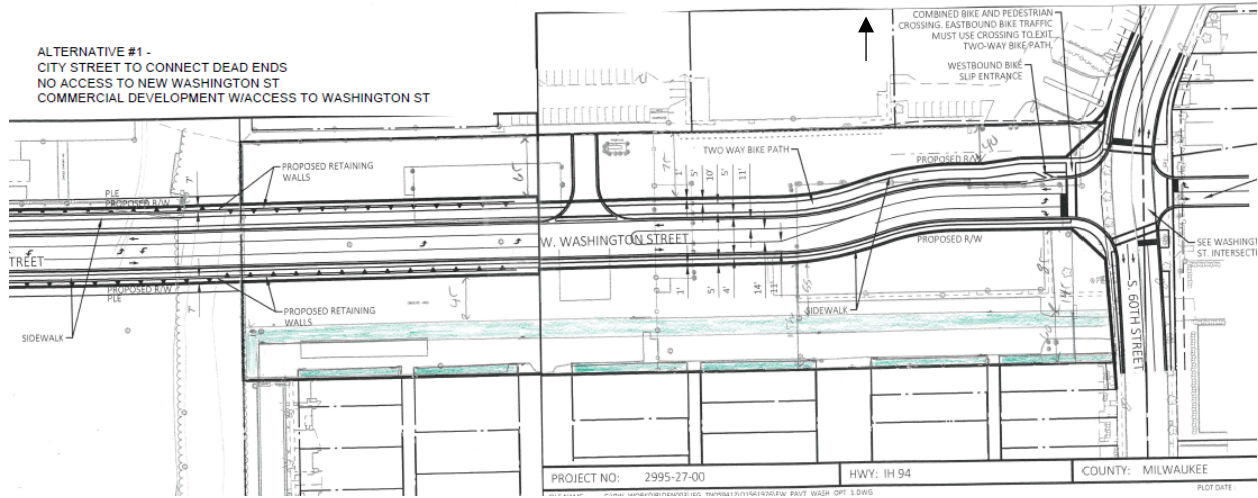
entrance to the former Blast Fitness Center will be removed and the driveway closed. The access point will be relocated to the new street west of the new intersection. The new street is being constructed through the current WisDOT Sign Shop property leaving some of the property as remnant parcels.

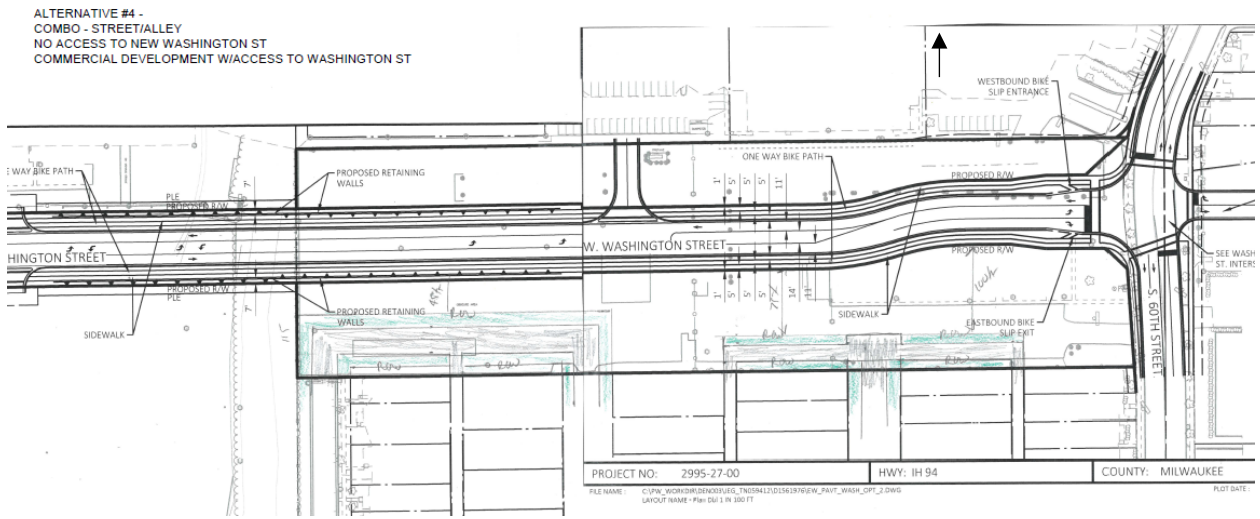
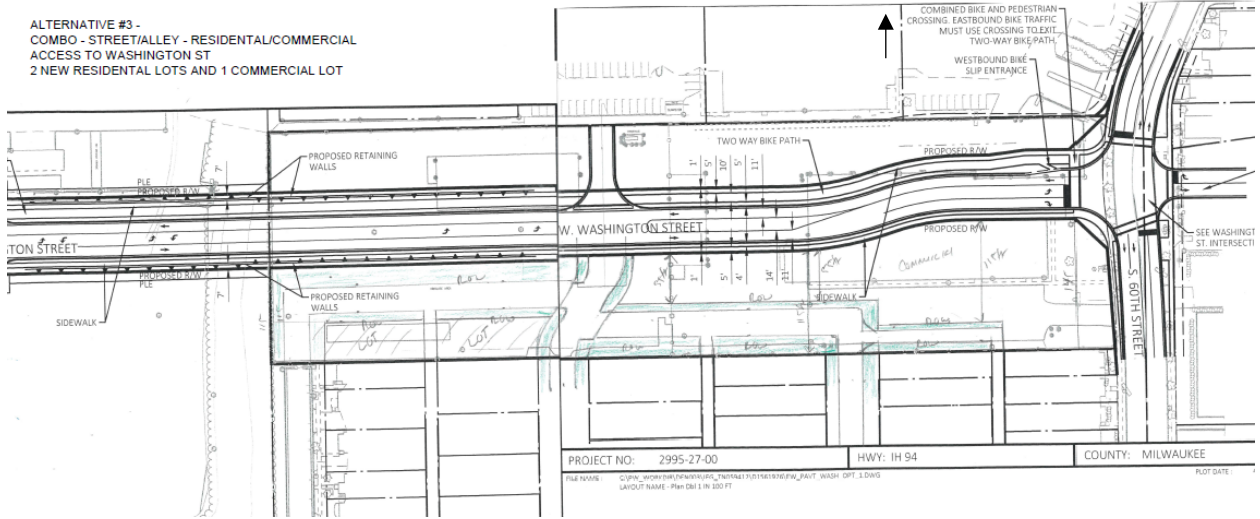


The alignment also provides an opportunity to improve safety and efficiency concerns in the area utilizing one of the remnant parcels. In reviewing the plans, it became apparent that there are 3 existing dead end streets (S. 61st Street, S. 62nd Street, and S. 63rd Street) and 3 existing dead end alleys that can be connected to each other and possibly the new street.



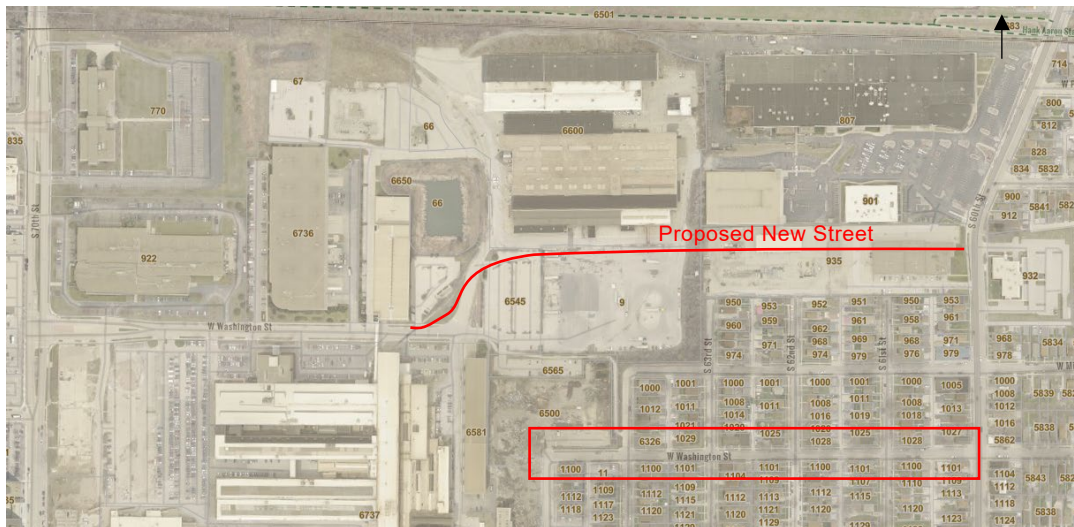
The existing dead end streets and alleys are a danger for DPW employees who have to back up every time the garbage/recycle materials are collected and the streets are plowed. It is also a hazard for the residents. If one street or alley is blocked, police, fire, and/or ambulance service cannot get to the property as quickly or at all. DPW is in favor of connecting the streets and alleys. Engineering has drawn 4 conceptual plans to connect the existing streets and alleys with leaving some of the remnant parcel for development. These concepts have been shared with the DPW, Planning/Zoning, and Economic Development departments. All designs will be done to accommodate a fire ladder truck. There may be variations of these concepts and there is no recommendation on a preferred alternative at this time.





WisDOT has indicated that the new street final design will be completed in 2024 with reviews and land acquisitions in 2025. The construction will begin in late 2025 or early 2026.

The new street has been called W. Washington Street Extension in the past; however, there is already a section of W. Washington Street from S. 65th Street to S. 60th Street which is 2 blocks south of the new street. A name for the new street will need to be chosen in the future.





The intent of this letter is to update the Board on the status of the I94 East-West project as well as the status of the new street. Also, it is to introduce the concept of connecting the existing streets and alleys since it has not been discussed previously as well as to inform the Board that the new street will need a name. No decisions are requested at this time. As the design of the street progresses, we will provide updates to the Board. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melinda K. Dejewski".

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