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Mayor Dan Devine and Members of the Common Council  
7525 West Greenfield Avenue  
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Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

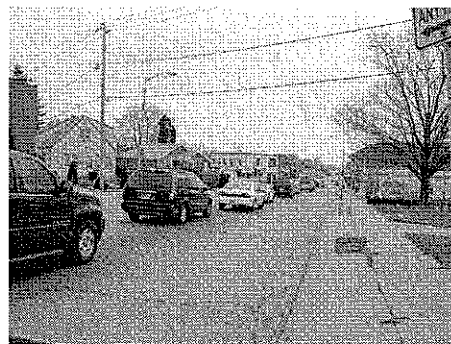
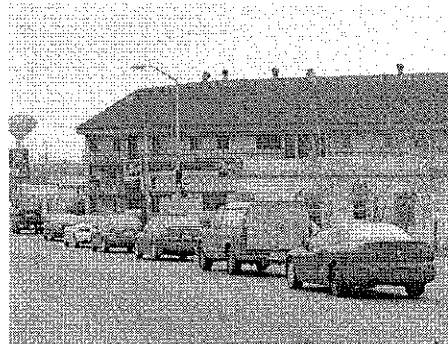
After previous discussions with the Council (on April 5, June 21, July 5 and August 2, 2011) about potential new parking restrictions on National Avenue from S. 84<sup>th</sup> Street to S. 92<sup>nd</sup> Street, we have revised our recommendation and reduced the number of areas affected.

Nineteen (19) of the original parking ordinances can now be placed on file. We were seeking better sight distance at the side streets that intersect with National Avenue by prohibiting parking; but existing state law already requires motorists to park at least 15 feet away from a crosswalk (Stat. 346.53(5)) even if there is no sign.

Three (3) of the original parking ordinances can be approved after slight modification of the hours they will be in effect. In order to allow on street parking during the dinner hour for Stevens Restaurant, we are recommending that the ordinances be revised to only prohibit parking until 5:00 pm instead of until 6:00 pm as originally submitted.

Two (2) of the original parking ordinances can be approved without modification.

All of the property owners along W. National Avenue were notified by mail of these potential new parking ordinances and were invited to a Public Information Meeting on May 25, 2011 at City Hall to discuss the project and proposed parking restrictions. The notice was sent to 84 property owners and tenants but only ten people attended the meeting. The City received comments from just two property owners opposed to the parking restrictions.



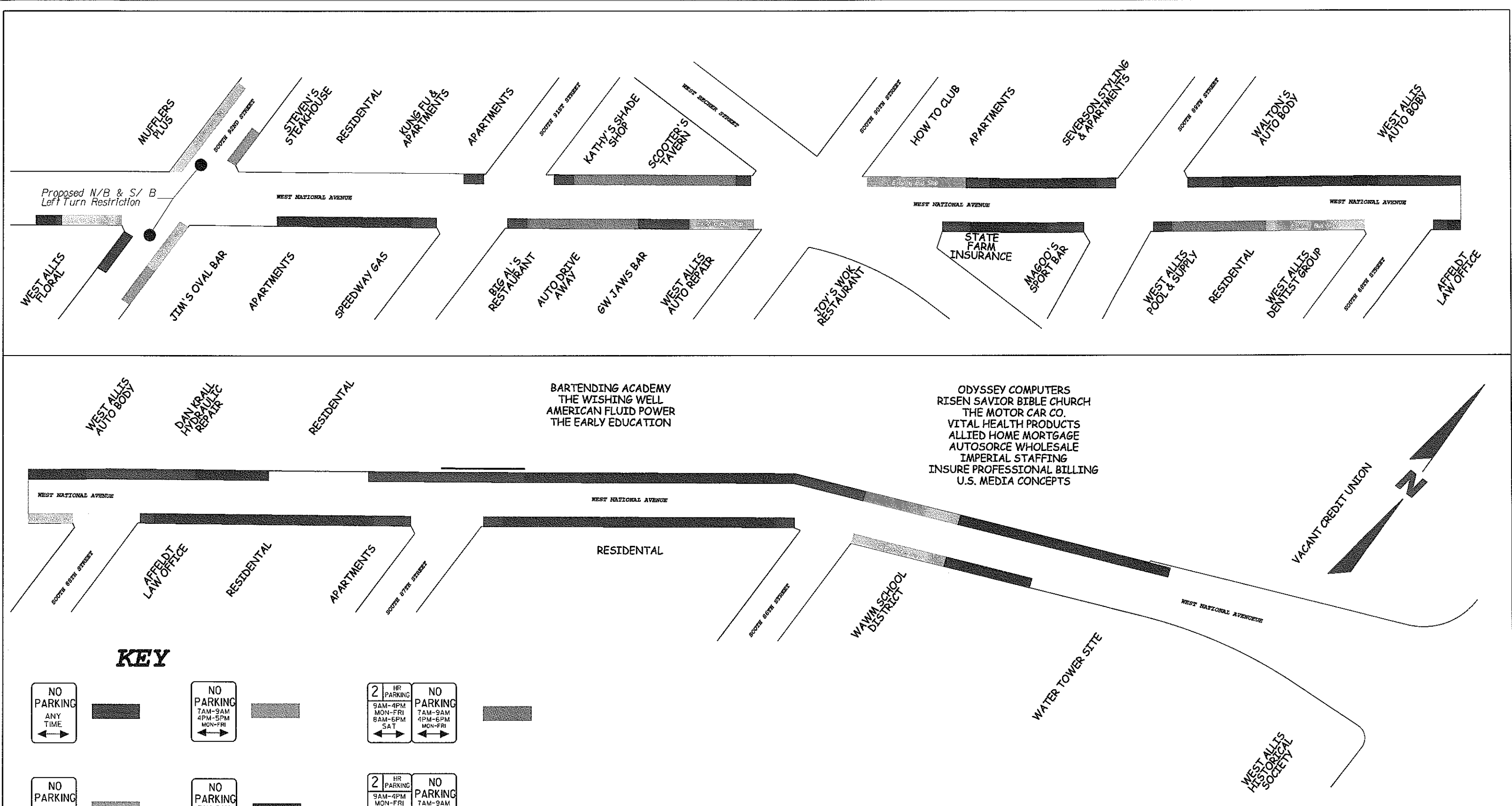
The existing congestion on National Avenue and on 92<sup>nd</sup> Street is causing back ups of up to 1,000 feet in all directions during the rush hours. The only solution to reducing these backups without widening the pavement is to institute new parking restrictions during the morning

and evening rush hours to allow four lanes of traffic. Except for the modifications adjacent to Stevens Restaurant, no parking would be allowed between 7 and 9 am and between 4 and 6 pm, Monday through Friday. We are also recommending that left turns from 92<sup>nd</sup> Street be prohibited during the rush hour to keep traffic moving along 92<sup>nd</sup> Street.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation will pay for 80% of the cost of these new signs as part of their reconstruction project in 2012.

Sincerely,

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Principal Engineer



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ORDINANCE NO.: ---  
 STATUTE/CODE REFERENCE: ---

**PROPOSED SIGNAGE**  
 IN: **West National Avenue**  
 FROM: **South 84th St.**  
 TO: **110 ft. west of South 92nd St.**