

**CITY OF WEST ALLIS
RESOLUTION R-2024-0174**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNION PACIFIC
RAILROAD TO CLOSE AND REMOVE THE AT-GRADE PUBLIC ROAD
CROSSING FOR S. 55TH ST.**

WHEREAS, on August 31, 2022, a communication was presented by the Interim City Engineer to the Board of Public Works to discuss options on the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) W. Beloit Rd. project given the required new railroad signal equipment being unable to accommodate multiple at-grade railroad crossings within a short distance along the railroad tracks; and,

WHEREAS, the Vacation and Discontinuance of a portion of City right-of-way along S. 55th St. between W Mobile St. (North) and W. Mobile St. (South) was introduced to the Common Council R-2023-0022 on January 10, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, the Vacation and Discontinuance of S. 55th St. was presented to the City Plan Commission on February 22, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, a class 3 notice also was published in the official City newspaper on February 24, March 3, and March 10, 2023, and abutting landowners were mailed notification of the public hearing; and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held before the Common Council on March 21, 2023, at 7 :00 p.m. The proceedings were held according to the provisions of Sec. 66.1003 of the Wisconsin Statutes; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council adopted R-2023-0216 to vacate and discontinue the section of S. 55th St. between W Mobile St. (North) and W. Mobile St. (South) and close the Union Pacific Railroad at-grade crossing on March 21, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, the Vacation and Discontinuance was recorded by the Milwaukee County Register of Deeds on August 23, 2023, via Document #11361397; and,

WHEREAS, the removal of the railroad crossing reduces the City's ongoing maintenance and liability expense for this section of public right of way. The WisDOT W. Beloit Rd. reconstruction project from S. 60 St. to W. Lincoln Ave. will bring the Beloit Rd at-grade railroad crossing up to current standards including the installation of new railroad signal equipment. The railroad signal equipment cannot accommodate the closely spaced crossings at Beloit, 60th, 57th, and 55th Streets; and,

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have determined that it is necessary and in the public interest to enter into this agreement to secure federal funding to reconstruct W. Beloit Rd from S. 60th St. to W. Lincoln Ave. to current standards, benefit from the incentive the railroad and WisDOT offered to remove an at-grade crossing, as well as the safety benefits of upgrading the W. Beloit Rd. railroad crossing and removing the S. 55th St. railroad crossing; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of West Allis that the agreement between the City and Union Pacific Railroad is approved, and the officials named thereon are authorized to execute the same on behalf of the City of West Allis.

SECTION 1: **ADOPTION** “R-2024-0174” of the City Of West Allis Municipal Resolutions is hereby *added* as follows:

ADOPTION

R-2024-0174(*Added*)

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF WEST ALLIS COUNCIL

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	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Ald. Ray Turner	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Kimberlee Grob	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Chad Halvorsen	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Marissa Nowling	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Suzzette Grisham	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Danna Kuehn	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Dan Roadt	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Patty Novak	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Kevin Haass	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ald. Marty Weigel	_____	_____	_____	_____

Attest

Presiding Officer

Rebecca Grill, City Clerk, City Of
West Allis

Dan Devine, Mayor, City Of West
Allis