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Cc: Tom Winter
Subject: RE: Bus route number 54 change

Sup. Weishan, Cheryl and Mr. Koszalka,

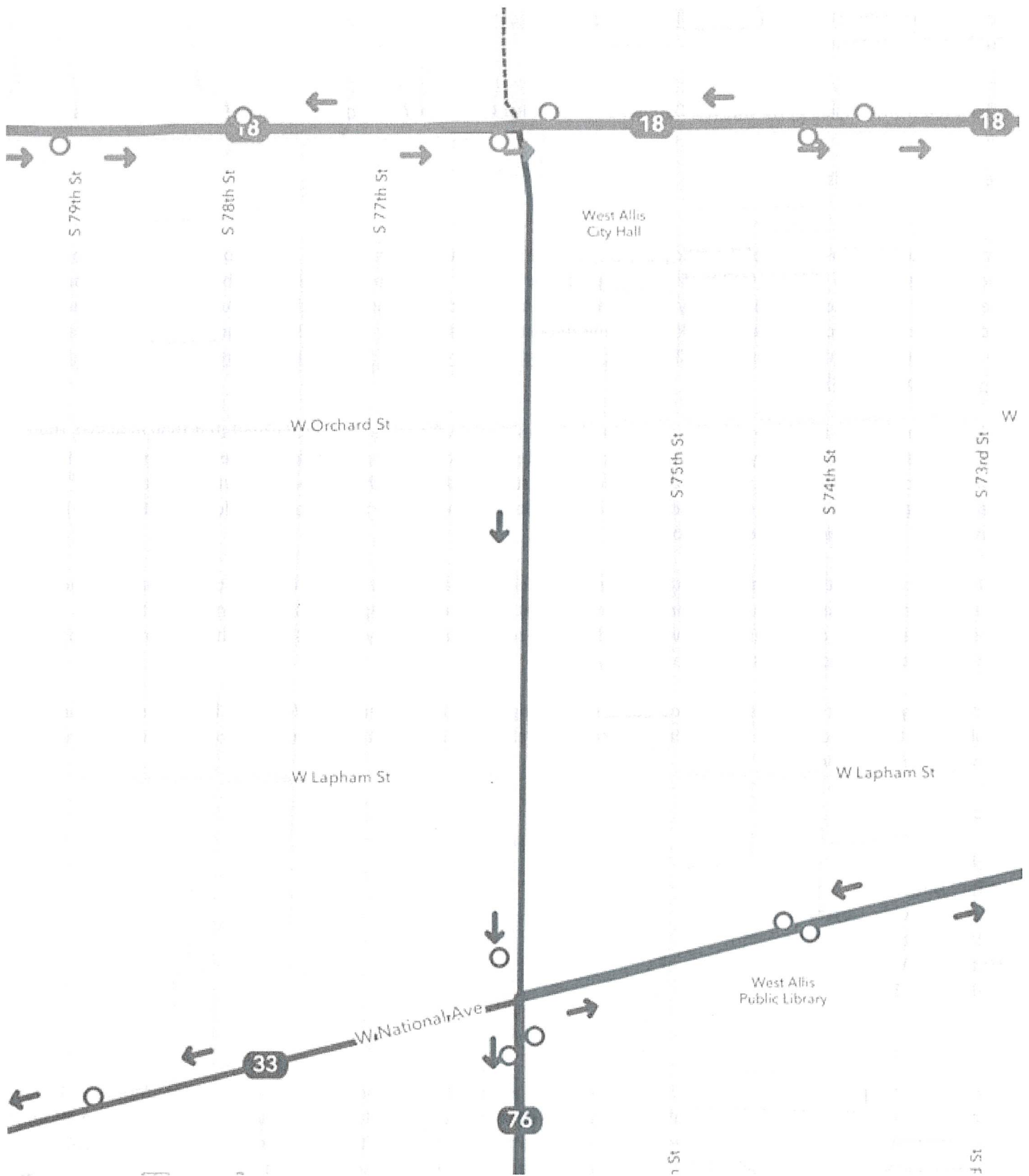
Thank you for the opportunity to explain upcoming route changes in relation to the West Allis Public Library. As you noted, these changes are connected to Phase 3 of the MCTS NEXT Route Redesign project. <http://RideMCTS.com/NEXT>

One of the main goals of MCTS NEXT was to redesign the route network so as to create more high frequency routes throughout Milwaukee County. MCTS developed a comprehensive outreach plan in 2018 that presented draft plans to the public for feedback. We incorporated some of these comments in a revised plan that was again presented to the public for further review. MCTS also sought input from the Office on African American Affairs so that the new network would align with the County's mission to advance racial equity. The final plan was approved by the County Board in September 2020. I should note West Allis is now served by three new high frequency routes: Route 18 (National – Greenfield), Route 51 (Oklahoma Avenue) and Route 76 (76th Street).

I can assure you, MCTS will continue to provide service to the West Allis Public Library after August 29th. In fact, there will be more buses going by the Library than is the case today. The new Route 76 (76th Street) will provide service every 15 minutes along National Avenue to the Library to the bus stops at S. 74th Street in both directions. Current Route 54 service along National Avenue, in comparison, only serves the Library twice an hour. Also, Route 33 (Vliet - 84th) provides service one block away from the Library at S. 76th & National.

We acknowledge some riders along National Avenue will not have a one bus ride to the Library. Riders along National Avenue east of S. 70th can transfer to the new Route 76 at southbound S. 70th & National to complete their trip to S. 74th Street. Riders west of S. 84th can ride new Route 18 (National – Greenfield) to S. 70th & Greenfield and then transfer to Route 76 (and vice versa) to get to the Library. Service on National Avenue between 76th and 84th is provided by Route 33 (Vliet – 84th) and would involve transfers to Routes 18 and 76 to complete this trip.

Below is a map of the area around your library and the new route network surrounding it. I hope this information has been helpful.



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