



June 24, 2013

Michael Lewis  
City Engineer  
City of West Allis  
7525 W. Greenfield Ave.  
West Allis, WI 53214

Dear Mr. Lewis:

The Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) has been asked to discontinue the use of the Pick 'n Save parking lot at 108<sup>th</sup> & Cleveland as a bus turn-around and layover location. Because MCTS currently utilizes this lot for our Rt. 54 service, MCTS staff have evaluated nearby turn around and layover alternatives for this route. This letter is to request permission from the City of West Allis to operate and layover MCTS buses along city streets, so that residents, employees, and businesses may continue to enjoy a similar level of transit accessibility.

Current Rt. 54 routing and layover:

From the intersection of National Avenue & Cleveland Avenue, Rt. 54 currently operates west on Cleveland Avenue to the first entrance to the Pick 'n Save shopping center, and then travels north to layover on shopping center property. On the return trip, buses exit the shopping center at Cleveland Avenue and travels east to National Avenue and northeast on National Avenue. (See attached map). There are currently 43 bus trips per weekday, 26 bus trips per Saturday, and 27 bus trips per Sunday. The typical amount of time that the bus spends at each layover is 5 minutes.

Proposed Rt. 54 routing and layover:

The proposed routing would continue southwest on National Avenue from the intersection of National Avenue & Cleveland Avenue. The route would then U-turn in the 4<sup>th</sup> median cut after 108<sup>th</sup> Street on National Avenue and layover. After laying over, the route would travel northeast on National Avenue, north on 108<sup>th</sup> Street, east on Cleveland Avenue, and northeast on National Avenue. (See attached map)

MCTS planning & training personnel have investigated the U-turn maneuver on National Avenue, and have determined it to be safe, effective, and unobtrusive to other vehicles from an operational standpoint.

MCTS would seek to install 3 new bus stops on National Avenue. These bus stops would be located at approximately:

1. 10740 W. National Avenue (north side of National Avenue by western Office Max driveway)
2. 11200 W. National Avenue (north side of National Avenue)
3. 11151 W. National Avenue (south side of National Avenue) – This would be the layover location.

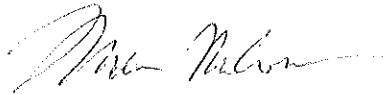


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Please see the attached maps. The location of these proposed stops is located in a curb/parking lane adjacent to retail buildings that have off-street parking facilities. MCTS would work with the city of West Allis to ensure that these proposed stop locations would be upgraded to the required ADA accessibility standards.

If approved, these changes would be effective on August 25, 2013. Please feel free to contact me at (414) 343-1761 or [mmccomb@mcts.org](mailto:mmccomb@mcts.org) if you have any questions, or to confirm MCTS' attendance regarding this request at the July 1, 2013 common council meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mark McComb", written in black ink.

Mark McComb  
Manager of Planning

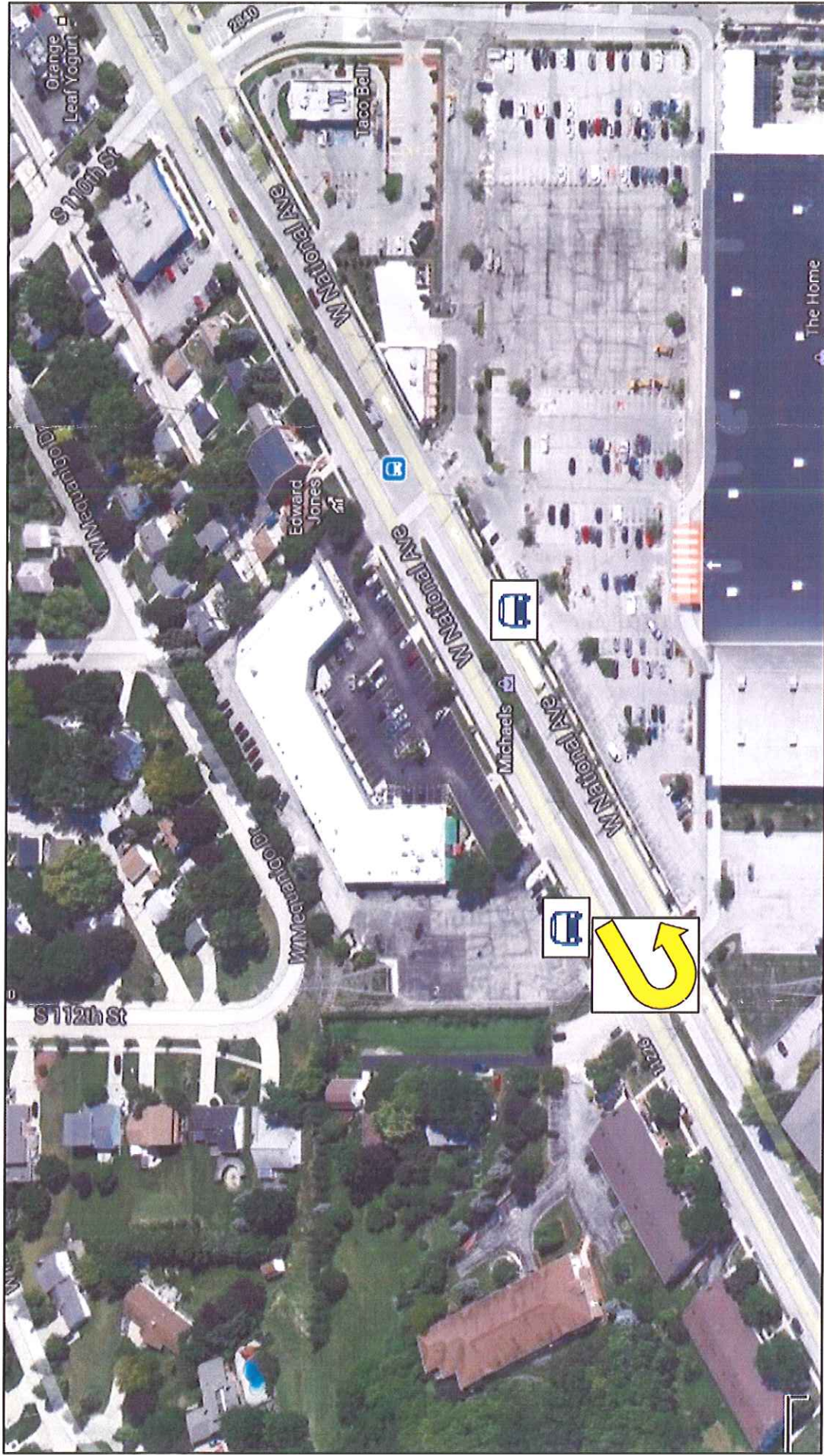
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# Milwaukee County Transit System's

## Route 54 (Mitchell - Burnham) West End U-Turn Location



 = New Bus Stop

 = New U-turn Location

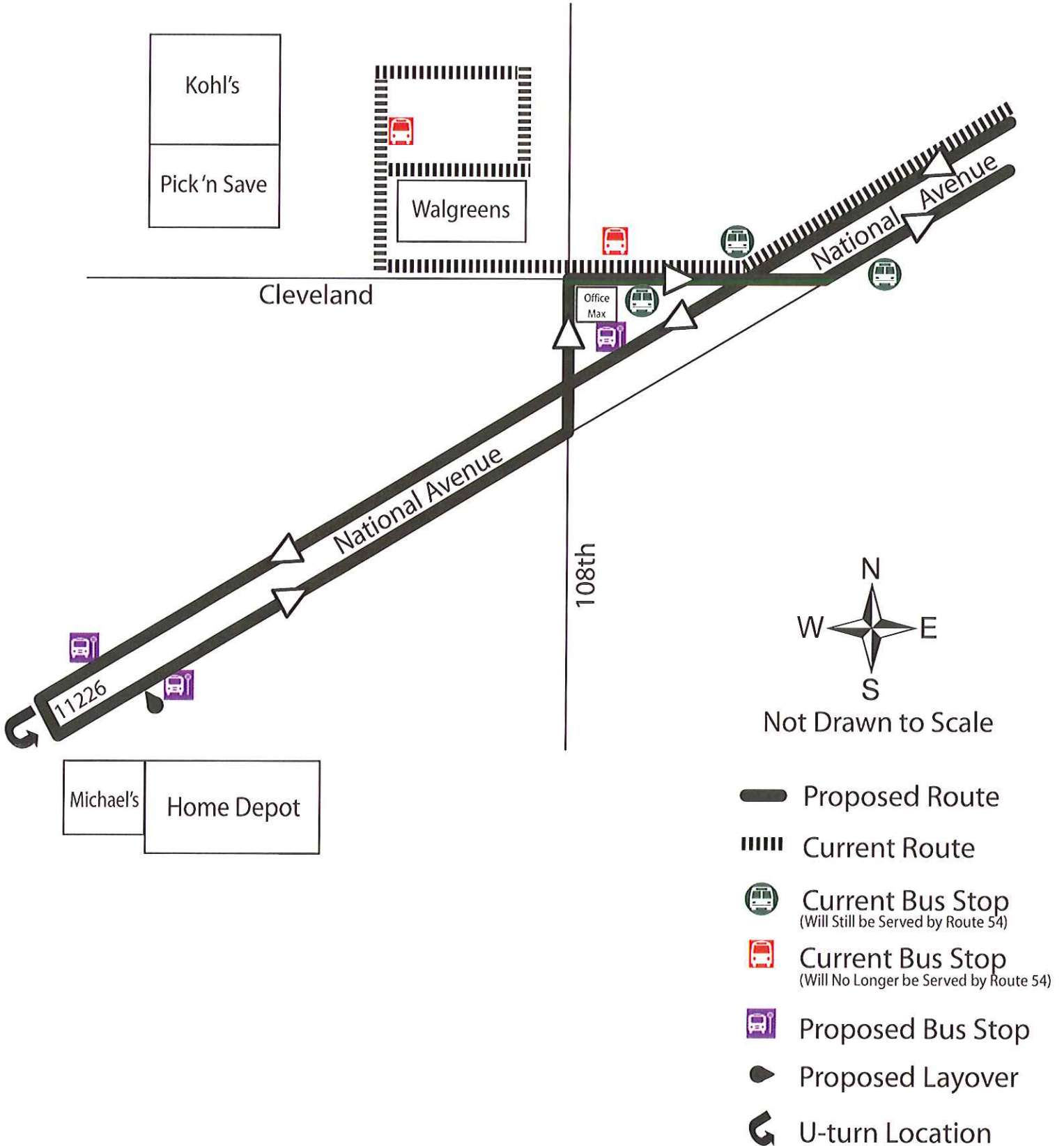










# Milwaukee County Transit System



## Route 54 (Mitchell - Burnham) West End



-  Proposed Route
-  Current Route
-  Current Bus Stop  
(Will Still be Served by Route 54)
-  Current Bus Stop  
(Will No Longer be Served by Route 54)
-  Proposed Bus Stop
-  Proposed Layover
-  U-turn Location