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City of West Allis
Common Council
7525 W. Greenfield Avenue
West Allis, WI 53214

RE: Zoo Interchange Overburden Placed at IH 894 & Greenfield Avenue

Honorable Council President Lajsic and Fellow Council Members,

Drive along Greenfield Avenue at the IH 894 ramps and you will notice a sizable pile of soil being placed in the southeast corner of the interchange. I recently learned that this is an overburden site for the WisDOT Zoo Interchange and that the pile is permanent. I believe this will be an eyesore at a major gateway to our City and would like to explore options to mitigate its impact.

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Facing East on Greenfield Ave



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I met with WisDOT officials on April 3rd to inquire about this site. WisDOT indicated they are open to seeing what ideas we may have. Discussion raised at this April 3rd meeting included:

- Additional trees placed along Greenfield Avenue to soften the look of the pile and enhance aesthetics;
- Gateway signage/landscaping (this is a major gateway for those coming to State Fair); and
- Turning the land over to the City with restrictions.



I am bringing this to your attention so you know I am working with City staff to see what might be possible at this location. We even have a rough idea that could dress up the site and serve as a revenue stream if the proper conditions and approvals would allow. I am happy to share some of those ideas with you at our meeting on April 15th, and welcome your ideas as well.

In the end we may just request DOT plant trees and move on. At this point we figure there is no harm in being creative and exploring options. Of course, anything that would require the City to take action with the site will be brought back to Council for consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael P. May", written over a horizontal line.

Michael P. May
Alderman, Third District