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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:

I have attached for your review a copy of the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation Vision Study for STH 100. This long range Vision Study recommends widening STH 100 to provide additional lanes throughout West Allis that would necessitate the razing of 20 to 45 buildings and further impact 205 to 245 properties. The loss in taxable real estate would be measured in the millions of dollars and the loss in tax revenue to the City would be measured in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. The State is tentatively planning to reconstruct STH 100 throughout the City of West Allis with a contract letting currently scheduled for September 10, 2018. The State will begin the widening to eight traffic lanes along STH 100 in Wauwatosa in 2013.

The State is also planning to cut off any potential relief the City would receive from the long planned connection for 124th Street from Schlinger Ave. to Blue Mound Road. Instead of rebuilding an I-94 bridge over Underwood Creek in 2015 that could accommodate a future road (similar to the existing parkway road), they plan to shorten the bridge, remove the roadway and use the area to build a stormwater pond. This will permanently preclude any future road at 124th Street which could have siphoned off some of the excessive traffic on STH 100 and will doom the City to no other option except the significant loss of tax revenue discussed above.

I would encourage the Common Council to go on record now against the widening of STH 100 and in favor of preserving our options along 124th Street. Representative Tony Staskunas has promised to plead our case with the Secretary of Transportation if the Council goes on record at this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter C. Daniels".

Peter C. Daniels, P.E.
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