



**Wisconsin & Southern Railroad**  
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City of Milwaukee  
Metropolitan Sewerage District  
260 W Seeboth St  
Milwaukee, WI 53204

Subject: Public Hearing – Rezoning Request Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District

Dear City of Milwaukee,

We are writing on behalf of the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad (WSOR) to acknowledge the public hearing held yesterday, June 30, 2025, regarding the proposed rezoning of parcels owned by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD). The request involves changing the zoning from Industrial Office (IO2), Industrial Light (IL2), and Industrial Heavy (IH) to Parks (PK), to accommodate a retention pond or basin and the addition of a bike/walking trail.

WSOR would like to express our concerns regarding this proposal, particularly from a public safety standpoint. The subject parcels are located directly adjacent to our railroad right-of-way and in close proximity to a local school. Introducing a park-like setting with pedestrian and bicycle access in such a location raises significant safety risks, particularly the potential for unauthorized access to the rail yard.

To mitigate these concerns, we strongly recommend that any development of this site includes a secure, regulatory-compliant fence or barrier along the railroad right-of-way. Additionally, the installation of appropriate safety signage would further help deter trespassing and promote public awareness of the hazards associated with active rail operations.

We respectfully request that the City take these considerations into account during its evaluation of the rezoning proposal. A balanced approach that prioritizes public safety while addressing infrastructure needs will serve the community's best interests.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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