



Department of City Development
City Plan Commission
Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee
Neighborhood Improvement Development Corporation

Lafayette L. Crump
Commissioner

Vanessa L. Koster
Deputy Commissioner

December 14, 2023

To the Honorable Members of the
Public Works Committee
City of Milwaukee
City Hall, Room 301-B

Dear Committee Members:

File Numbers 230329 and 231134 relate to vacating a portion of the east-west alley in the block bound by West Burnham Street, West Rogers Street, South 23rd Street, and South 24th Street; and establishing a pedestrian mall to be known as "South 24th Street Pedestrian Mall" in South 24th Street, from West Rogers Street to West Legion Street in the 8th Aldermanic District.

Milwaukee Public Schools is proposing the vacation and creation of a new pedestrian mall, envisioned as a new public space to benefit the surrounding neighborhood. The overall pedestrian mall project will include new public amenities including a soccer field, public seating and enhanced landscaping. The project advances the recommendations of the 2022 Gathering Spaces Feasibility Study to "repurpose Public Streets and Rights of Way as Gathering Spaces", which was an element of the City's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. The pedestrian mall and alley vacation will have minimal impacts to traffic circulation on the surrounding street grid, and arrangements have been made to maintain access to the only property with existing access off the segment of alley proposed to be vacated.

The City Plan Commission considered this item at its regular meeting on Monday, December 4, 2023. At that time, Milwaukee Public Schools provided an overview of the development plans. The City Plan Commission recommended approval of the subject file conditioned on the applicant paying fees as identified in the coordinated report.

Sincerely,

 for

Lafayette L. Crump
Executive Secretary
City Plan Commission of Milwaukee

c: Ald. Zamarripa

