

September 13, 2005

To the Honorable Common Council
Zoning, Neighborhoods & Development Committee
City of Milwaukee

RE: File No. 050530

Dear Committee Members:

This ordinance was referred to City Plan Commission to change the zoning from Industrial Heavy (IH) to Downtown Mixed Activity (C9G), on land located on the South side of West St. Paul and East of South 8th Street, in the 4th Aldermanic District. This zoning change was requested by Project Management Advisors, Inc. on behalf of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

This ordinance creates a single base zoning district for the redevelopment of the existing Amtrak train station for an intermodal transportation facility for both Amtrak train and Greyhound bus services.

The redevelopment will include an addition and interior renovations to the existing Amtrak facility along with new surface parking and drive aisle drop off area. The glass, galleria addition will provide space for seating and retail kiosks. Interior renovations include both a greyhound and amtrak suite, restrooms and a 3,777 s.f. restaurant. The surface parking must be approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Existing facility loading and bus loading occur on the west side of the building. A new three-lane drive aisle will provide passenger loading. An existing surface parking lot is the east and a future surface parking lot is to the west. The redevelopment also includes a new parking ramp on the corner of 5th St. and W. St. Paul Ave.

A new wall sign identifying the station would be mounted on the entrance canopy. New Amtrak and Greyhound logos are shown on the front of the building.

On September 12, 2005, a public hearing was held and at that time there was no opposition to the proposed amendment. Since this proposed zoning change is consistent with the downtown plan, the City Plan Commission at its regular meeting on September 12, 2005 recommended approval of the ordinance.

Sincerely,

Rocky Marcoux
Executive Secretary
City Plan Commission of Milwaukee

cc: Ald. Bauman
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