



OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

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Meeting: **BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Members: Gary Gisselman, Doug Diny, Susan Schmidt, Tyler Wildman, Chris Filtz, Ben Gerhards, Veronica Hope
Location: Board Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall
Date/Time: **Monday, February 26, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public Comment
3. Approve the Minutes of January 22, 2024 Meeting
4. Presentation: Merrill to Wausau River Trail, Bill Bertram
5. Discussion: River Edge Trail extensions updates
 - Alley crossing closure
6. Discussion and Possible Action: Grand Ave & Thomas St intersection
7. Discussion and Possible Action: Infrastructure Priority List
8. Next Meeting Date: March 25
9. Adjourn

It is likely that members of, and a quorum of the Council and/or members of other committees of the Common Council of the City of Wausau will be in attendance at the abovementioned meeting to gather information. **No action will be taken by any such groups.**

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January 22, 2024

Members Present: Gary Gisselman, Doug Diny, Tyler Wildman, Chris Filtz, Susan Schmidt, Ben Gerhards

Others Present: Brad Lenz, Lance Mueller, Jon Smith, Jillian Kurtzhals

Location: City Hall, Maple Room

In compliance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and transmitted to the Wausau Daily Herald in the proper manner.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Gisselman called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. Public Comment

N/A

3. Approve minutes of July 24, 2023 Meeting

Motion/second by Filtz/Wildman. Passed unanimously.

4. Discussion and Possible Action: River Edge Trail extension updates

Lynch included in the packet a spreadsheet showing funding vs budget for both trail sections to this point. The City has received \$201,000 from local foundations and \$100,000 the Room Tax Commission. After discussion with the City Finance Director, Lynch has submitted an ARPA application to be considered at the next Finance committee meeting for the remaining \$171,500 in funds for the Thomas St section. The timelines for both trail sections were discussed. If funding is secured in time for the 2024 bid cycle, the Thomas St section would be constructed this year. The section north of Winton St on the east side will likely face some delays and not be available to construct until 2025. This is due to designing a RR crossing that must be approved by the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads. Lynch did ask the committee if they should consider building a dead end section of the trail if a crossing cannot be secured. Filtz was in favor of this as it would still be enjoyable and possibly put public pressure on the RR. Lenz reviewed the RR crossing designs. The city has been working with Rettler on designing something that will meet the needs of the RR and the City. Staff will also work with WisDOT Rails and Harbors staff to refine the proposal.

5. Discussion and Possible Action: Letter of Support for ARPA funding of River Edge Trail extension

Lynch prepared a letter to the Finance committee in support of the ARPA application.

Motion by Diny, second Filtz to approve the letter of support. Vote was unanimous in favor.

6. Discussion and Possible Action: Events in 2024

Jonathan Smith had previously volunteered to take over the Mayor's Ride and was present to discuss his ideas. He had created a graphic to share that could be used to drive support and interest. Lynch noted that there was plenty of time to consider other aspects of the ride such as route, food, etc. Gerhards suggested that the morning commute was not possible for many people to participate in and maybe the weekend would be better. Gerhards and Smith will work together on ideas. This will be a future agenda item.

Lynch reminded the committee that 2024 was the 50 year anniversary of the River Edge Commission and the formal start of the beginning of the efforts to clean up and utilize the riverfront.

7. Discussion and Possible Action: Look ahead at 2024

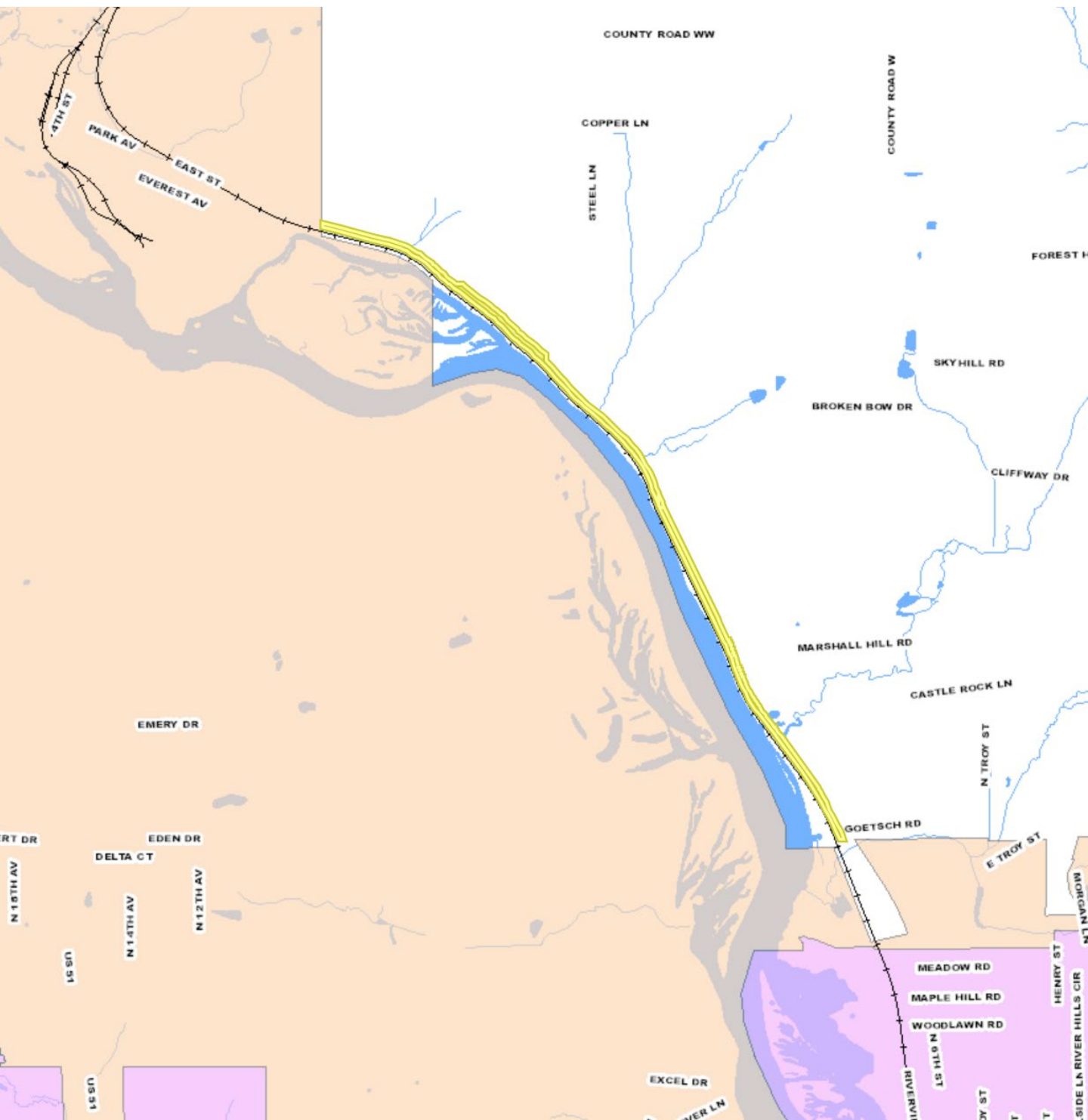
Lynch highlighted several upcoming dates in the 2024 calendar. There was no significant discussion.

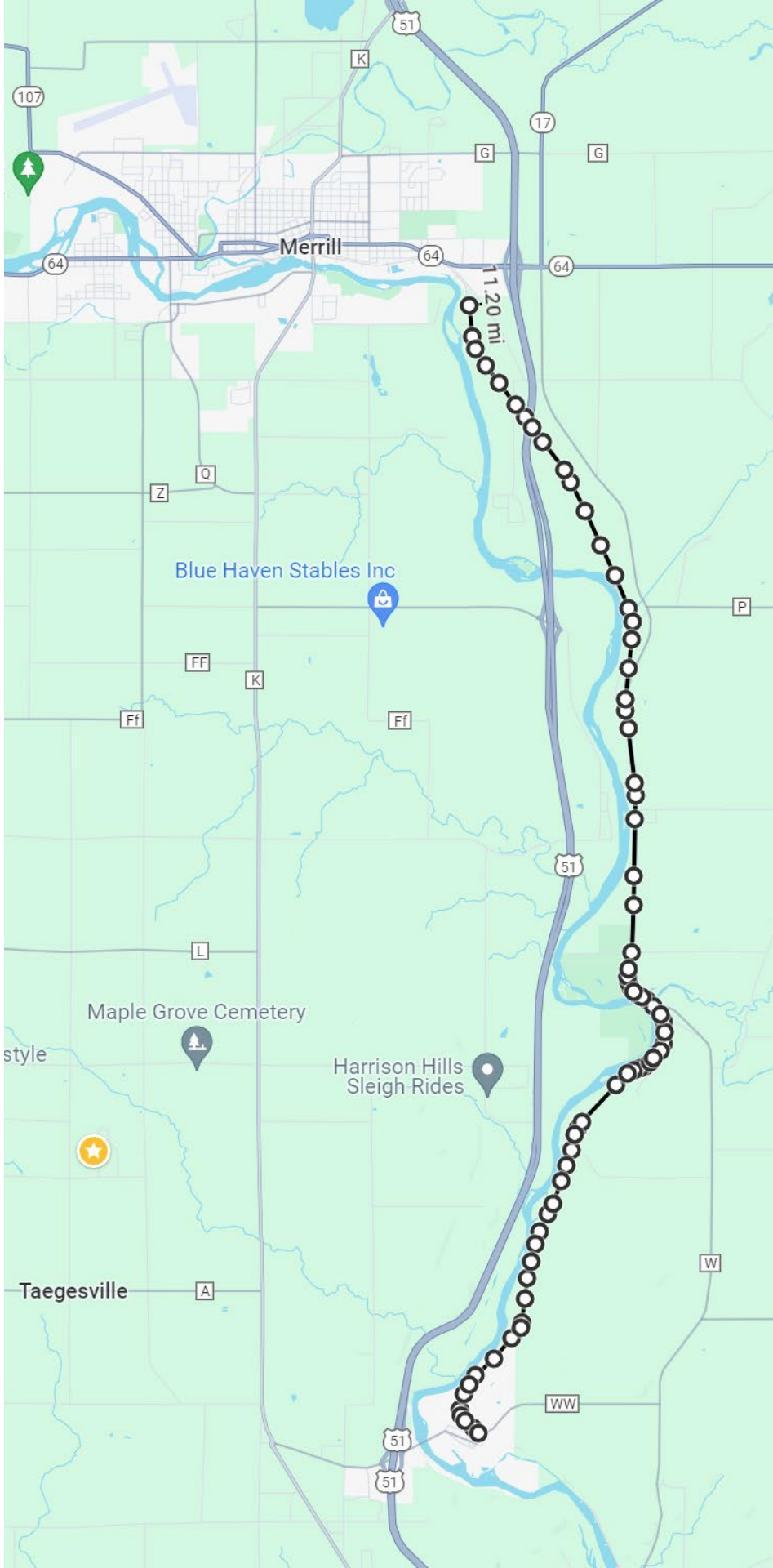
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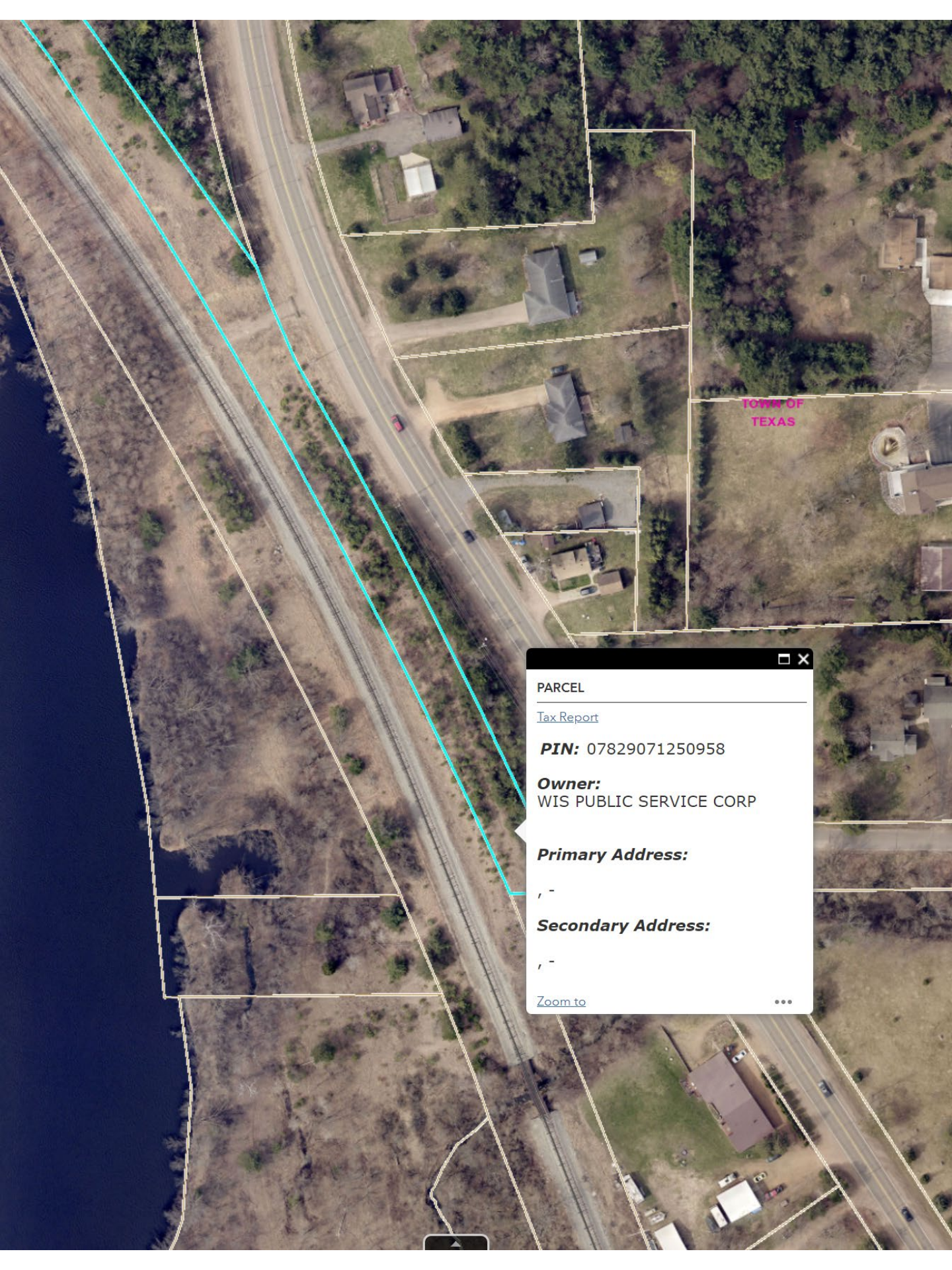
The committee is scheduled to meet next on February 26, 2024

9. Adjourn

Motion/second by Schmidt/Filtz to adjourn. Passed unanimously. Meeting ended at 5:22 p.m.







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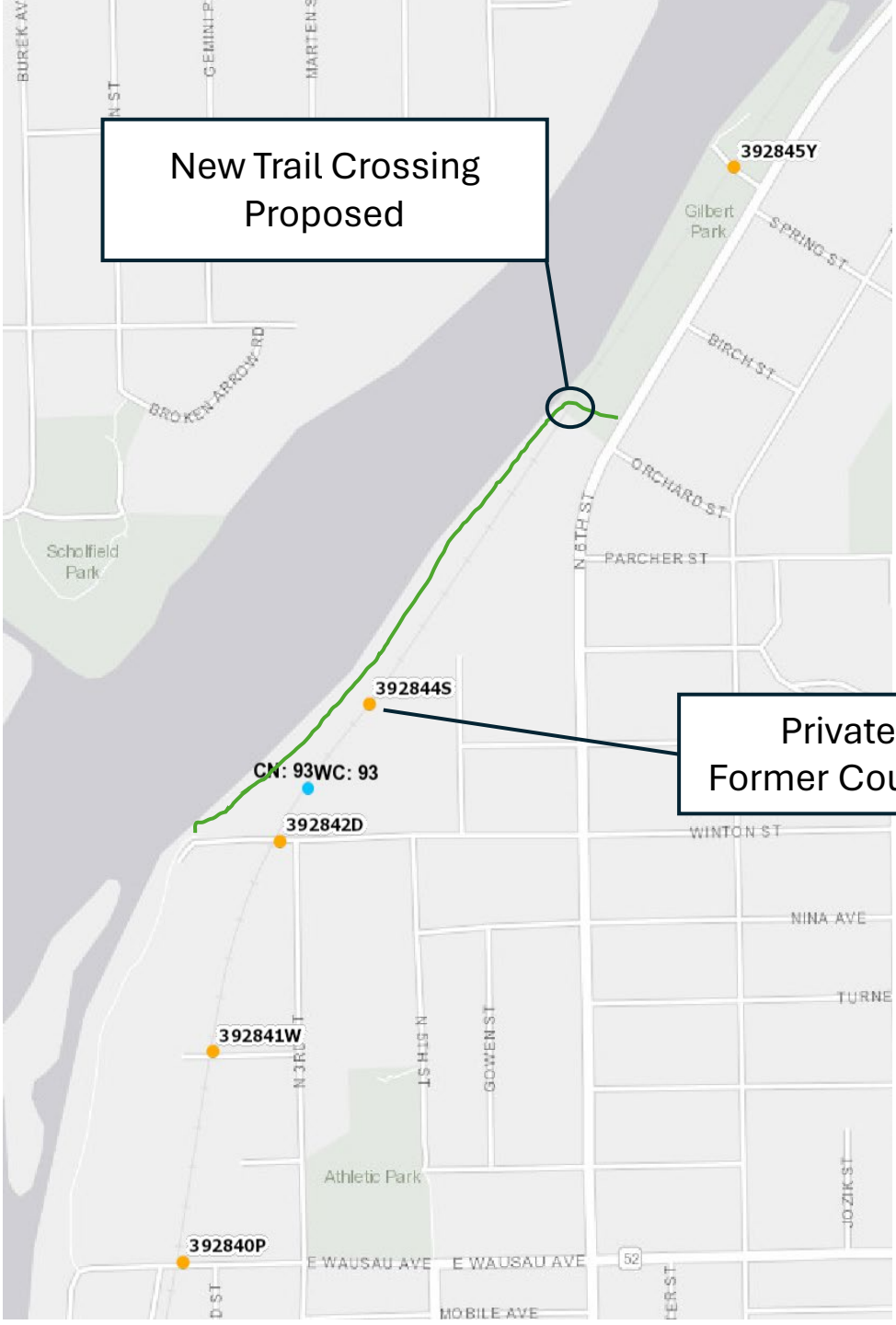
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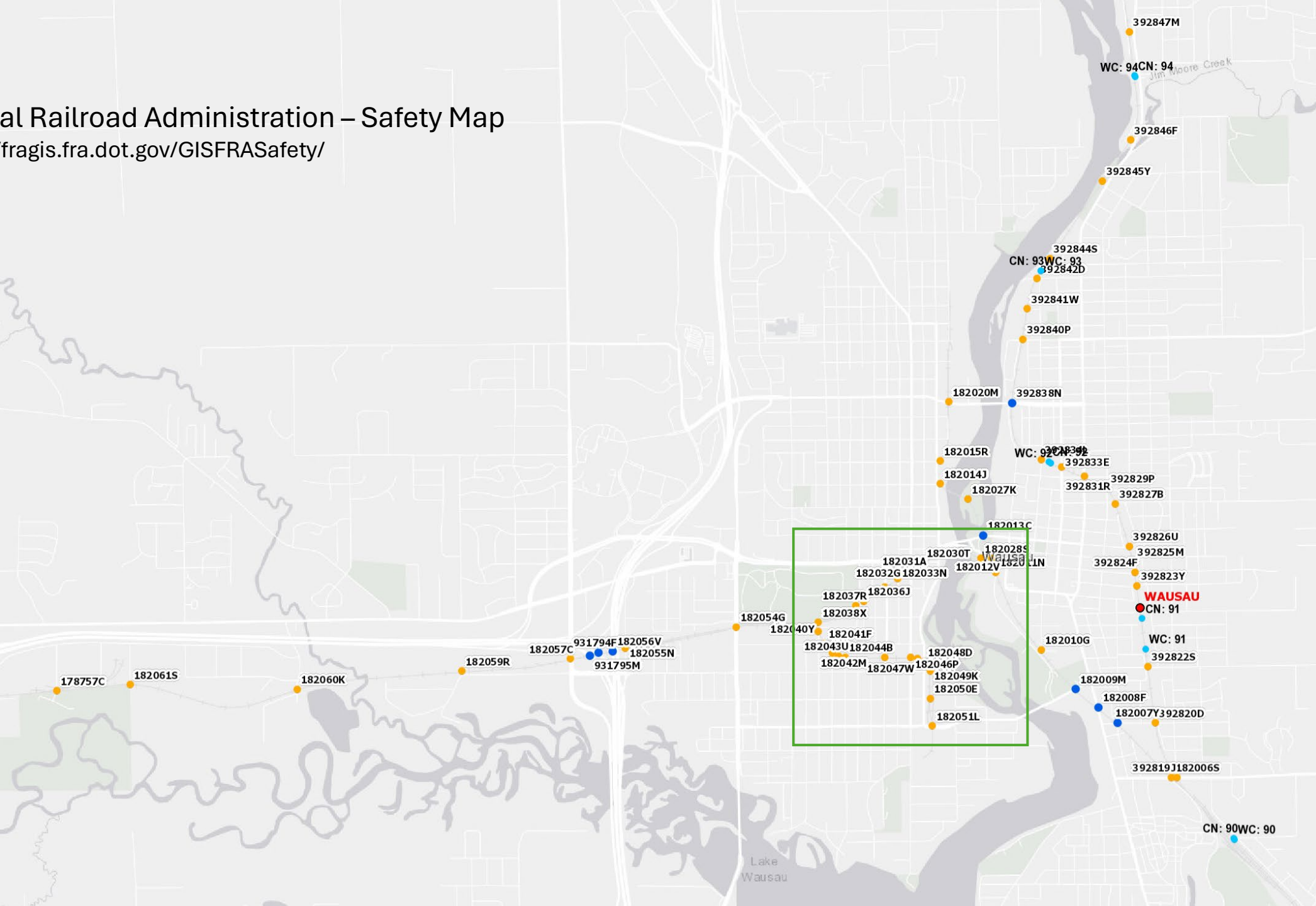
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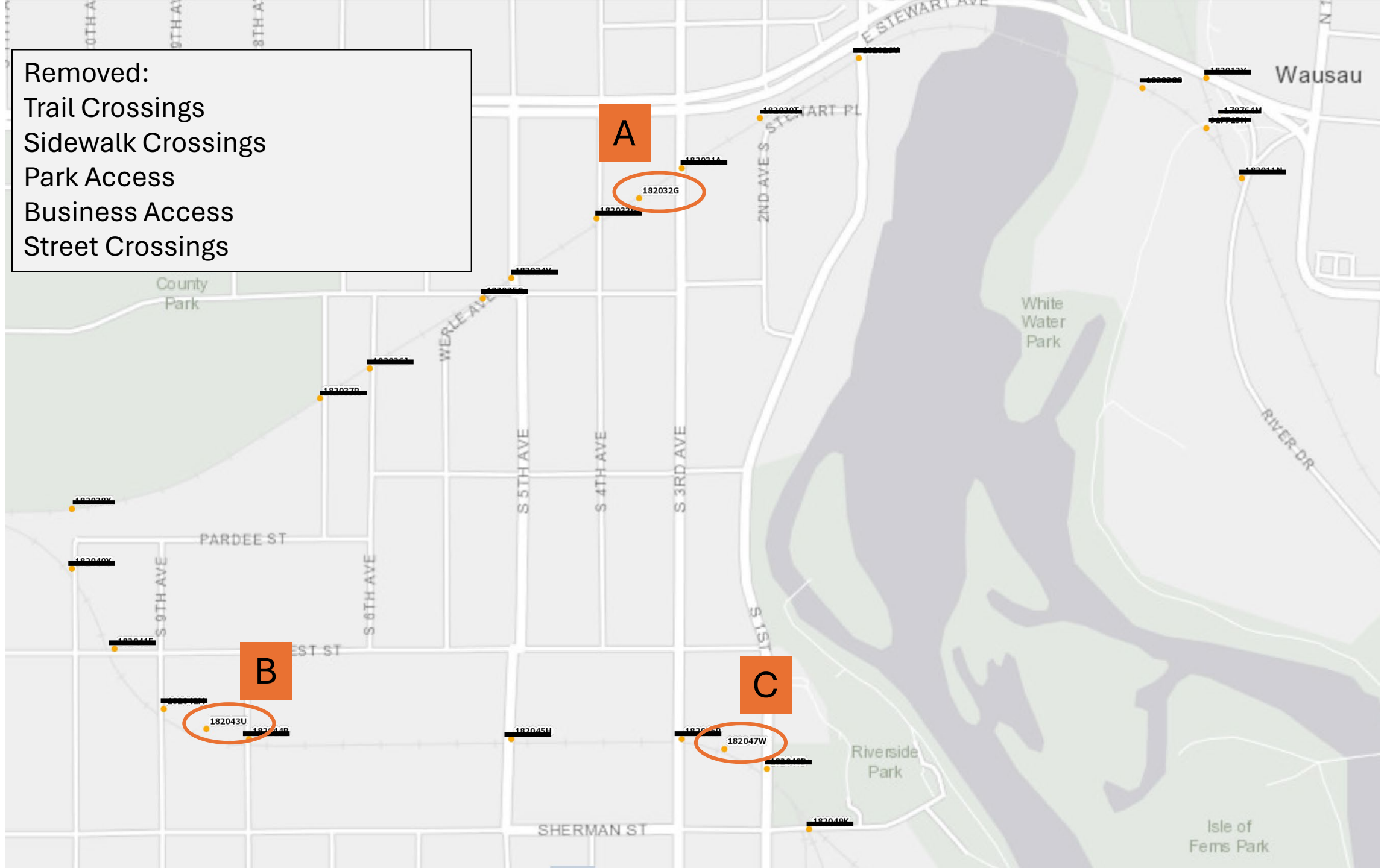


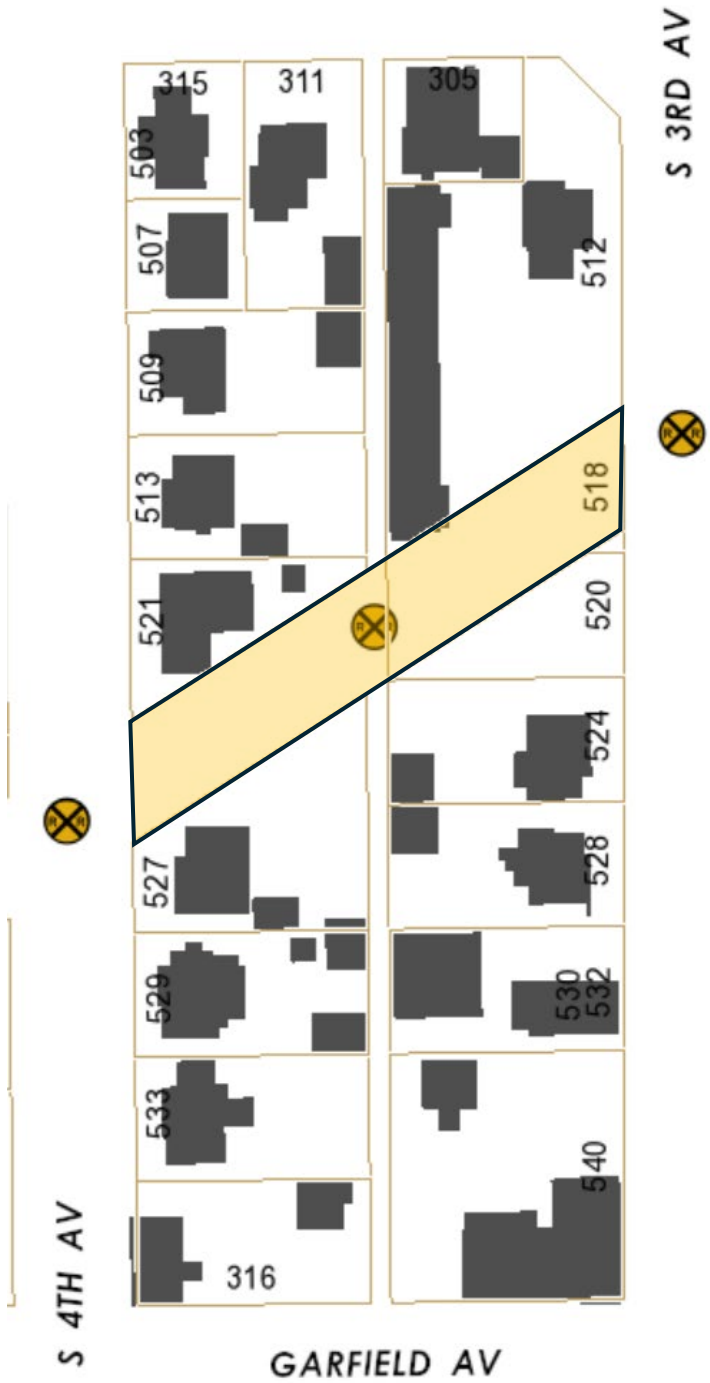
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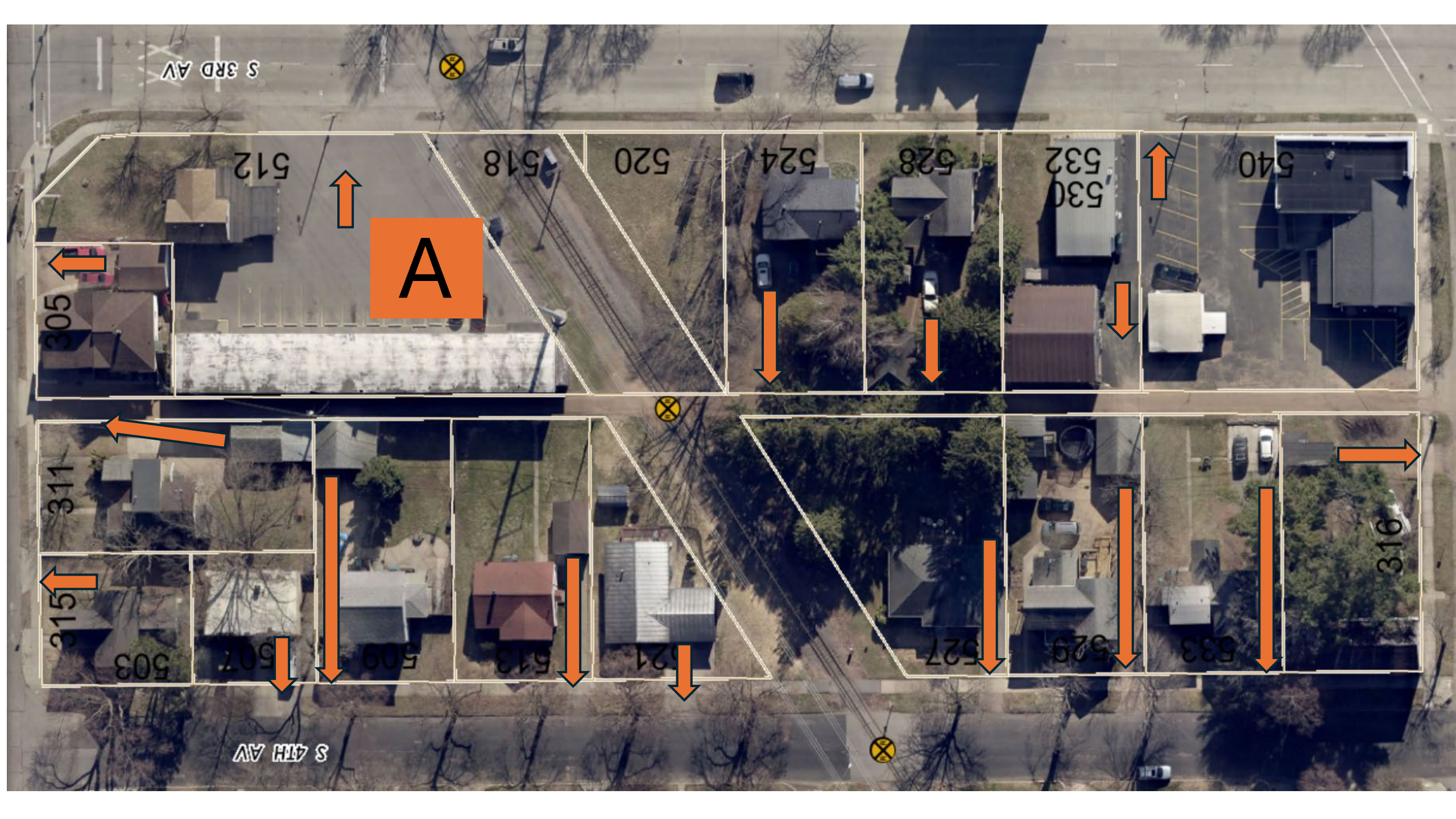
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Garfield Ave

**Bike/Ped Advisory Committee
2020 Pavement Marking Priorities**

Rank	Name	Location	Description	Additional elements needed	Distance	Identified in Plan?	Action by BPAC?	Completed
2018	Grand Avenue Sharrow	On Grand Avenue southbound before Sturgeon Eddy	Add sharrow in right through lane at beginning of solid line for right turn lane.	signage changes recommended as well	1 block	yes	yes	?
2018	18th Street shoulder	On 18th Street, from East Wausau Ave to Wausau East High School	Outside fog lines/4-5 ft paved shoulders? For bikes and pedestrians to use.		0.33 miles		yes	no
2018, 2020	Thomas/Grand crosswalks	Intersection of Thomas Street and Grand Avenue	Repainting crosswalks				yes	no
2018	Grand Ave eastern crosswalks	East side of grand avenue - side streets between Thomas and Townline	Repainting crosswalks on side streets along the east side of grand ave				yes	no
2018	River Edge Trail/Washington Street crossing	at the intersection of the River Edge Trail and Washington Street	More visible markings/signage at crossing	RRFBs			yes	
2018	52 Parkway	18th Ave to Stewart Ave	Repaint fog line, move appx 1 ft toward inside travel lane/away from curb			yes	yes	
2017	6th Street crosswalks	6th St intersections -- from Grant St to McIndoe St	Paint crosswalks across 6th Street - Grant, Franklin, McIndoe intersections		3 blocks			Grant and Franklin Done, McIndoe not
	6th Street bike lane	On 6th Street -- north of Union Ave; south of Riverview Ct	Fog line/bike lane and parking (?)		0.9 miles	yes		
	Westwood Drive bike lane	On Westwood Drive -- south of County U; north of Bridge St	Outside fog lines		1.5 miles	yes		early 2019
	12th Ave/Stevens Dr bike lanes	On 12th and Stevens -- south of Merrill Ave; north of Bridge St	Outside fog lines		0.8 miles	yes		
2020	Prospect Ave bike markings	On Prospect Ave -- north of Townline Rd; south of Forest St	sharrows (?), should have some recommendations from final River Edge update	trail connector route signage	0.75 miles	yes		
2020	Forest St bike markings	On Forest St -- between Prospect and 7th St	Centerline; sharrows (?)		1 block	Yes		
2020	7th St bike markings	On 7th St -- north of Forest St; south of Union Ave	Sharrows (?)		1.2 miles	yes		
2020 Grand Ave existing sharrows		repaint						
	Union Ave bike markings	On Union Ave -- between 6th and 7th St	Centerline; sharrows (?)		1 block	yes		
	E. Wausau Ave bike lanes	On Wausau Ave -- between 6th St and 18th St	Outside fog lines or bike lanes		1.0 mile	yes		
2021	Scott Street Bridge Bike Lane	between 1st Street and 1st Avenue	Bike lane	signage, buffers		Yes		
2021	Washington Street Bridge Bike Lane	between 1st Avenue and the River Edge Trail	Bike lane			Yes		
2020	Pkwy 52 bike lanes	between 18th Ave and 28th Ave	bike lane			yes	No	
	Stewart Ave bike lanes	between 18th Ave and 28th Ave	bike lane			yes	No	
2020	17th Ave Bike lane markings	between Rosecrans St. and the bridge	is the existing paved shoulder wide enough? Were these marked as bike lanes at some point?			yes		
	1st and Jefferson advanced yield lines	on 1st Street at the intersection with Jefferson	advanced yield lines in front of crosswalks	signage needed as well				
	Washington Street contraflow bike lanes	between 2nd Street and 4th Street	contraflow lane in front of mall to allow two-way bike travel, sharrows in travel lanes	signage needed as well		yes		
	Forest Street and 1st Street road diet	on 1st street between Washington Street through to Forest Street at 5th or 6th Street	Reduce lane widths on 1st street to add bike lane, reduce 3 lanes to 2 lanes on Forest street and add parking lane and bike lane	signage needed as well, should have CISM and/or council approval, physical barrier needed if bike lane is two way		yes		
2020	17th Avenue bike lanes	between Rosecrans and Bridge Street	bike lanes - is there enough room for bike lanes with a lane diet?	signage would be needed as well		yes		
	3rd Street sharrows	between 4th Street and McIndoe Street	sharrows in travel lane					
	Packer Drive	between 48th Ave and 56th Ave	stripe a paved shoulder in both directions			yes		
	48th Avenue	Packer Drive to Stewart Avenue	Paved shoulders, one side already striped			yes		
	28th Avenue	Westhill Dr to Highway 52	Bike lanes			yes		
	28th Avenue	Highway 52 to Sherman Street	bike lanes			yes		
	Thomas Street	Grand Ave to River Drive	Bike lanes and road diet.			yes		
	1st Avenue	Oak Street to Bridge Street	add bike lanes					
	7th Street	Forest St to Bridge Street	remove one side of parking, stripe bike lanes and travel lanes					
	South 3rd Avenue	Stewart Avenue to Thomas Street	add bike lane, either through road diet or removing one side of parking					

Project	Location	possible next steps	length	notes	Identified in Plan	estimated cost	year planned
River Edge RRFBs	at Washington Street bridge					\$10,000	
bicycle friendly detectors	Washington and 6th (on Washington)						
bicycle friendly detectors	Grand and Kent (westbound Kent St)						
bicycle friendly detectors	Sturgeon Eddy and Grand (on Sturgeon Eddy)						
bicycle friendly detectors	1st and Scott (on First)						
17th Avenue sidewalk	from Stewart to Elm	feasibility		add sidewalk on west side of street, may need to reduce lane widths			
17th Avenue sidewalk	from Stewart to West	feasibility		add sidewalk on east side of street, feasibility analysis required, marathon park path serves as alternative for part of this section			
Bridge Street and pick n save intersection improvements				improving crossings at intersection		appx \$65,000	2020
				not feasible at location - alternatives to look at per WisDOT - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changing the existing yellow round beacons to Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs). Creating a pedestrian refuge island at the crosswalk to create a 2-stage crossing Adding enhanced high-visibility crosswalk markings, that comply with the MUTCD Improving street lighting at the intersection, as the city already suggested Installing an advance yield line, as the city already suggested 			
HAWK at Henrietta and Grand	Henrietta St. and Grand Avenue	feasibility		coupled with changing direction of southbound one-way to northbound, possible to do it without this?	no		
Contraflow bike lane on Washington Street	Washington Street between 2nd Street and 4th	feasibility			Wausau Center Plan		
6th Street bike lane	From Forest Street to Bridge Street	feasibility			MPO Plan		
6th Street bike lane	From Union Ave to Horseshoe Springs Rd.	feasibility			MPO Plan		
East Wausau Avenue bike lanes	From 6th Street to City limits	feasibility			MPO Plan		
3rd Avenue Bike lane	From Stewart Ave to Thomas Street	feasibility			MPO Plan		
Forest Street reconfiguration	From 1st Street to Grand Avenue	feasibility			Wausau Center Plan		
River Edge Trail - Winton Street to Gilbert Park		Engineering, easements, RR crossing			River Edge Plan		
River Edge Trail - Sturgeon Eddy to Thomas Street		Engineering, easements			River Edge Plan		
River Edge Trail - Eastbay to Pick'n'save		Engineering, easements			River Edge Plan		
River Edge Trail - Bridge Street to Cherry Street		Engineering, easements, RR crossing			River Edge Plan		
Sherman Street Bike Lanes	24th Avenue to 17th Avenue	Feasibility		4 to 3 road diet with bike lanes	MPO Plan		
Northwestern Avenue Paved shoulders	between Gold Ridge Way and Meuret Ln			needs additional paved width	MPO Plan		
Prospect Avenue bicycle boulevard	between Sturgeon Eddy and Thomas Street	feasibility		as part of River Edge Trail alternative. Look at advisory bike lanes, sharrows, and other pavement/signage enhancements to improve route from Sturgeon Eddy to Thomas Street.			
6th Street and Wausau Avenue intersection improvements	improve pedestrian crossings	feasibility					

bridge over stewart avenue...

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17th Avenue sidewalk	from Stewart to Elm	feasibility	add sidewalk on west side of street, may need to reduce lane widths			
17th Avenue sidewalk	from Stewart to West on east side from Pkwy 52 to Stewart Avenue	feasibility	add sidewalk on east side of street, feasibility analysis required, marathon park path serves as alternative for part of this section			
S 18th Avenue sidewalk from airport parking lot to alexander-airport park	Stewart Avenue		restricted parking on west side of peid piper, no current sidewalk from airport parking lot to the park			