

CITY OF WAUWATOSA  
MEMO

To: **Transportation Affairs Committee**

From: **Michael May, Senior Civil Engineer – Traffic & Transportation**

Date: **April 5, 2023**

Subject: **Request to Allow Two-Way Traffic Operations on the Alley North of North Avenue between 113<sup>th</sup> Street and 115<sup>th</sup> Street**

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**A. Issue**

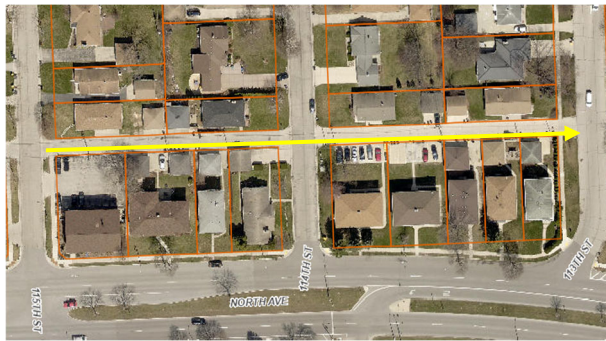
The alley located north of North Avenue between 113th Street and 115th Street is currently designated as a one-way directional alley. Property owners have expressed an interest in two-way traffic.

**B. Background/Options**

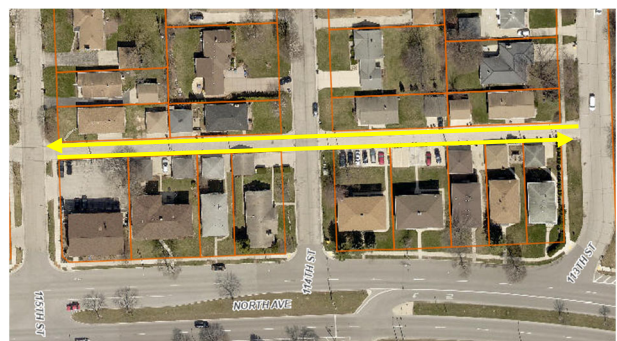
Prior to freeway construction, the subject alley was susceptible to cut through traffic exiting the freeway to bypass traffic on North Avenue. The one-way traffic designation on the alleys deterred traffic exiting the freeway from utilizing the alleys to by-pass traffic on North Avenue between the freeway and 116th Street. The freeway project has altered the exit and 113th Street where traffic exiting the freeway will no longer have access to the alleys as a cut through option.

In late February, staff solicited feedback from all property owners along the alley to gauge interest in keeping the alley one-way or changing it to allow two-way traffic. The following is the result.

Keep the one-way traffic as it is (1 vote)



Make the alleys two-way traffic (3 votes)



Staff is recommending the permanent implementation of the two-way traffic on the alley.

**C. Strategic Plan (Area of Focus)**

None

**D. Fiscal Impact**

Minor expenses for removal of existing one-way signs. Existing sign budget will accommodate these expenses.

**E. Recommendation**

Change the Wauwatosa Municipal Code to include two-way traffic operations on the alley north of North Avenue between 113th Street and 115th Street.