



Wauwatosa, WI

Transportation Affairs Committee

Meeting Agenda - Final

7725 W. North Avenue
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

6:30 PM

Committee Room #1 and Zoom:
<https://servetosa.zoom.us/j/82091946645>,
Meeting ID: 820 9194 6645

Regular Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

TRANSPORTATION AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ITEMS

1. Consideration of amendments to Chapter 11.66.025 of the Wauwatosa Municipal Code related to reckless driving to become compliant with Wisconsin Statute 349.15 [26-0440](#)
2. Consideration of request from Engineering Division for a 90-day trial to modify parking restrictions on Pasadena Boulevard from the alley north of North Avenue to Wright Street [26-0532](#)
3. Consideration of request from Engineering Division to prohibit parking at any time on the south side of Wisconsin Avenue from Glenview Avenue to 150-feet west thereof, on the north side of Wisconsin Avenue from Robertson Street to 190-feet east of Glenview Avenue, and on both sides of Wisconsin Avenue from 68th Street to 280-feet east thereof [26-0500](#)
4. Consideration of request from Engineering Division to modify parking restrictions on the north and south sides of Harwood Avenue from 95 feet west of Dewey Avenue to 65 feet west of the railroad [26-0533](#)

ADJOURNMENT

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Wauwatosa Police Department

Departmental Correspondence

DATE: 2/24/26

TO: Transportation Affairs Committee (TAC) for 3/17/26

FROM: Capt. Luke Vetter

SUBJECT: Proposal to Adopt Reckless Driving Tow & Impound Law Amendments

ATTCHED: 2025 Wisconsin Act 46 dated 10/31/25; proposed ordinance 11.66.025 language

Issue

State law related to the impounding of reckless driving autos has changed. Our municipal ordinance should be updated to comply with state law.

Background

In May and June of 2023, the TAC and Council approved a new ordinance, 11.66.025, to comply with a law change related to reckless driving enforcement under WI SS 346.62 and 349.115. On October 31st, 2025, the Wisconsin Legislature passed Act 46 which amended some portions of SS 349.115, related to the impounding and towing of reckless driving autos.

Act 46 amended 349.115 as follows (see attached document):

- Impounds can occur at the discretion of the officer.
 - *Our operating procedure 5.2.4 requires supervisory authorization, also.*
- The reckless driver does not need to be the vehicle owner for police to tow.
- Fees for the impounding, towing, storage, and outstanding fines or forfeitures must be paid before the vehicle will be returned to the owner.

Strategic Area of Focus

This ordinance update is in line with City Strategic priority area #2 – public safety and reckless driving initiatives, as well as Police strategic area #1 – community services and improving public safety.

City link, <https://www.wauwatosa.net/government/open-government/strategic-plan>

PD link, <https://www.wauwatosa.net/government/departments/police/strategic-plan>

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Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the City or Department. The costs of towing, storing and impounding reckless driving vehicles are assessed directly to the reckless driver and/or the vehicle owner. The PD has space to store impounded vehicles.

Recommendation

The Police Department supports adopting amended statute 349.115 into Wauwatosa ordinance 11.66.025. If approved, we will provide all police staff with an updated impound and tow procedure to train staff in the judicious use of this authority.

Respectfully,



Capt. Luke Vetter
Administrative Bureau

PROPOSED LANGUAGE for: 11.66.025 Impounding Vehicles Involved in Reckless Driving

- ~~Strikeouts~~ = consistent with 2025 Act 46
- Red underlines = additions consistent with 2025 Act 46

Pursuant to Section 349.115, Wisconsin Statutes, a law enforcement officer may impound any vehicle used in the commission of a violation of Section 346.62, Wisconsin Statutes, or a local ordinance in strict conformity with Section 346.62, Wisconsin Statutes, at the time of issuing a citation for the offense. ~~if the person cited is the owner of the vehicle and that person has a prior conviction for a violation of Section 346.62, Wisconsin Statutes or a local ordinance in strict conformity with Section 346.62, Wisconsin Statutes, for which a forfeiture was imposed that has not been fully paid.~~ That vehicle may be impounded until the person fully pays the prior forfeiture amount impounding, towing, and storage fees. ~~and makes a deposit under Section 345.26, Wisconsin Statutes for the citation for which the vehicle was impounded.~~ The impounded vehicle shall be returned to the owner or disposed of pursuant to Sections 349.115(2) and (3), Wisconsin Statutes.

HISTORY

Adopted by Ord. O-23-14 pt. I on 6/20/2023



Staff Report

File #: 26-0532

Agenda Date: 3/17/2026

Agenda #: 5.

Consideration of request from Engineering Division for a 90-day trial to modify parking restrictions on Pasadena Boulevard from the alley north of North Avenue to Wright Street

Submitted by:

Elizabeth Saunderson, PE

Department:

DPW - Engineering Division

A. Issue

A resident requested revising the parking restrictions on the 2300 block of Pasadena Boulevard, from the alley north of North Avenue to Meinecke Avenue. Existing signs conflict with the current parking ordinance on the 2400 block of Pasadena Boulevard, from Meinecke Avenue to Wright Street.

B. Background/Options

Parking is currently prohibited by City ordinance for more than 2 hours between 9 am and 10 pm on both sides of Pasadena Boulevard from the alley north of North Avenue to Wright Street. However, parking signs currently indicate that the 2-hour parking restrictions on Pasadena Boulevard end at 6 pm north of Meinecke Ave and at 10 pm south of Meinecke Ave. Parking is not permitted at any time on either side of Pasadena Boulevard between North Avenue and the alley north thereof.

North-south streets on either side of Pasadena Boulevard also have 2-hour parking restrictions between the alley north of North Avenue and Meinecke Avenue: on 86th Street (one block to the east) 2-hour parking restrictions end at 10 pm and on 88th Street (one block to the west) 2-hour parking restrictions end at 6 pm. There are no parking restrictions on 86th Street or 88th Street between Meinecke Avenue and Wright Street.

A resident has requested that the end time of the 2-hour parking restrictions on the 2300 block of Pasadena Boulevard, from the alley north of North Avenue to Meinecke Avenue, be changed from 10 pm to 6 pm.

C. Strategic Plan (Area of Focus)

N/A

D. Fiscal Impact

Minor expenses for the installation of signs. The existing sign budget will accommodate these expenses.

E. Recommendation

Direct staff to initiate a 90-day trial of parking prohibitions for more than 2 hours from 9 am to 6 pm, except on Sundays and legal holidays, on both sides of Pasadena Boulevard from the alley north of North Avenue to Wright Street.



Ordinance prohibits parking for more than 2 hours between 9 am and 10 pm, except Sundays and legal holidays

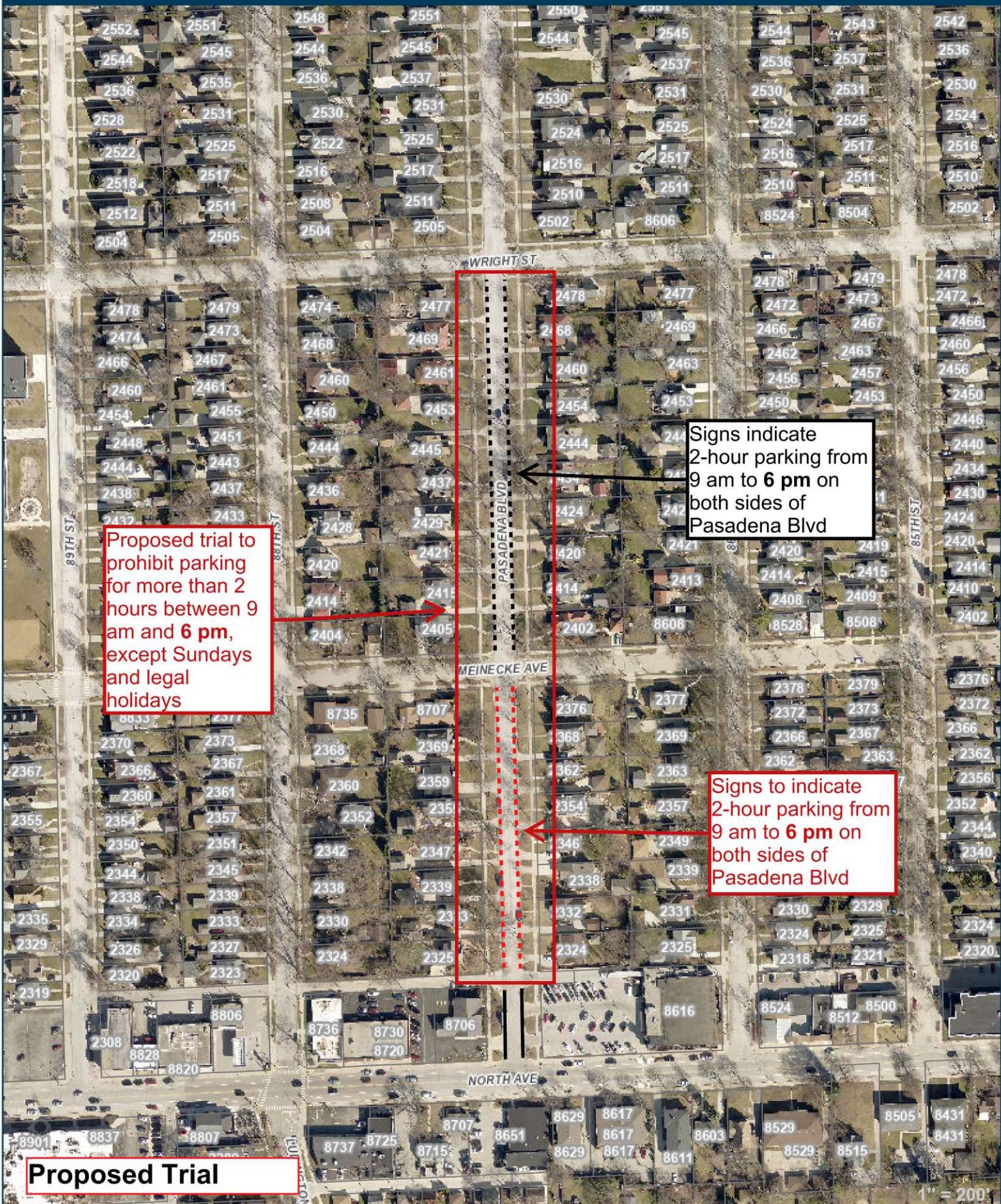
Signs indicate 2-hour parking from 9 am to 6 pm on both sides of Pasadena Blvd

Signs indicate 2-hour parking from 9 am to 10 pm on both sides of Pasadena Blvd

No Parking Anytime

Existing Conditions





Proposed trial to prohibit parking for more than 2 hours between 9 am and 6 pm, except Sundays and legal holidays

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Proposed Trial



Staff Report

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Consideration of request from Engineering Division to prohibit parking at any time on the south side of Wisconsin Avenue from Glenview Avenue to 150-feet west thereof, on the north side of Wisconsin Avenue from Robertson Street to 190-feet east of Glenview Avenue, and on both sides of Wisconsin Avenue from 68th Street to 280-feet east thereof

Submitted by:

Michael May, PE RSP1

Department:

DPW - Engineering Division

A. Issue

The completion of various projects along Wisconsin Avenue necessitates parking prohibitions

B. Background/Options

In July of 2024, the Common Council passed an ordinance to prohibit parking on the south side of Wisconsin Avenue from Glenview Avenue to 68th Street (O-24-27). The prohibitions were made to accommodate the striping of bicycle lanes along Wisconsin Avenue upon completion of the Wisconsin Avenue bridge over Honey Creek, and to accommodate pavement restoration for utility work from 68th Street to 72nd Street.

The pavement marking changes at Wisconsin Avenue & Glenview Avenue and at Wisconsin Avenue & 68th Street necessitate additional parking prohibitions. More specifically:

- To accommodate the turn lanes at Wisconsin Avenue & Glenview Avenue, it is recommended to prohibit parking at any time on the south side of Wisconsin Avenue from Glenview Avenue to 150-feet west thereof, the north side of Wisconsin Avenue from Robertson Street to 190-feet east of Glenview Avenue.
- To accommodate the turn lanes at Wisconsin Avenue & 68th Street, it is recommended to prohibit parking at any time on both sides of Wisconsin Avenue from 68th Street to 280-feet east thereof

C. Strategic Plan (Area of Focus)

N/A

D. Fiscal Impact

Minor expenses for the installation of signs. The existing sign budget will accommodate these expenses.

E. Recommendation

Direct staff to prepare for the Common Council an ordinance to prohibit parking at any time on the south side of Wisconsin Avenue from Glenview Avenue to 150-feet west thereof, on the north side of Wisconsin Avenue from Robertson Street to 190-feet east of Glenview Avenue, and on both sides of Wisconsin Avenue from 68th Street to 280-feet east thereof.

Proposed Parking Prohibition - On the south side of Wisconsin Avenue from Glenview Avenue to 150-feet west thereof, on the north side of Wisconsin Avenue from Robertson Street to 190-feet east of Glenview Avenue



Proposed Parking Prohibition - Wisconsin Avenue from 68th Street to 280-feet east thereof





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Staff Report

File #: 26-0533

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Consideration of request from Engineering Division to modify parking restrictions on the north and south sides of Harwood Avenue from 95 feet west of Dewey Avenue to 65 feet west of the railroad

Submitted by:

Elizabeth Saunderson, PE

Department

DPW - Engineering Division

A. Issue

New parking restrictions are recommended with the approval of a Conditional Use Permit at 7754 Harwood Avenue.

B. Background/Options

A Conditional Use Permit at 7754 Harwood Avenue to establish a day care was approved by the Plan Commission on November 10, 2025. A traffic impact and parking study was included in the Conditional Use Permit application, which recommends adding 15-minute parking zones along the south side of Harwood Avenue from Dewey Avenue to Hart's Mill Lot and on north side of Harwood Avenue in front of the proposed day care. Currently, both sides of Harwood Avenue prohibit parking for more than 3 hours on weekdays from 9 am to 6 pm.

In addition to the proposed 15-minute parking restrictions, inconsistencies in the current ordinance were found:

- The south side of Harwood Avenue from Dewey Avenue to 95 feet west thereof have overlapping 2-hour and 3-hour parking restrictions on weekdays from 9 am to 6 pm. This area is currently signed for 3-hour parking on weekdays from 9 am to 6 pm.
- The north side of Harwood Avenue has a No Parking Anytime sign from the railroad to 65 feet west of the railroad, but there is no corresponding ordinance in place.

C. Strategic Plan (Area of Focus)

N/A

D. Fiscal Impact

Minor expenses for the installation of signs. The existing sign budget will accommodate these expenses.

E. Recommendation

Direct staff to prepare for the Common Council an ordinance to modify parking restrictions on Harwood Avenue as follows:

- Prohibit parking for more than 15 minutes between 7 am and 9 am - except Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays - on the north side of Harwood Avenue in front of 7754 Harwood Avenue
- Prohibit parking for more than 15 minutes between 7 am and 9 am - except Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays - on the south side of Harwood Avenue from Dewey Avenue to 100 feet west of the railroad.
- Remove the 2-hour parking restrictions on the south side of Harwood Avenue from Dewey Avenue to 95 feet west thereof. (The existing 3-hour parking restrictions would remain in place.)
- Prohibit parking at any time on the north side of Harwood Avenue from the railroad to 65 feet west of the railroad.



Not in ordinance

In ordinance as 2-hr parking and 3-hr parking

Harwood Ave Existing Parking:
- - - 3-hr Parking weekdays, 9 am - 6 pm
— No Parking Anytime

7754 Harwood Ave

City of Wauwatosa





Harwood Ave Existing Parking:
 - - - - - 3-hr Parking weekdays, 9 am - 6 pm
 ———— No Parking Anytime

Harwood Ave Proposed Parking:
 15-min Parking weekdays, 7-9 am

7754 Harwood Ave

City of Wauwatosa

