

# Metropolitan Development Commission Plat Committee (February 12, 2025) Meeting Agenda

## **Meeting Details**

Notice is hereby given that the Plat Committee of the Metropolitan Development Commission of Marion County, IN will hold public hearings on:

Date: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Room 260, 2nd Floor, City-County Building, 200 E. Washington Street

At which time and place the following petitions requesting approval of subdivision plats and petitions and resolutions for the vacation of Streets, Alleys, Plats, or Public Grounds, will be heard, pursuant to Indiana Code 36-7-4-700, series and action thereon determined.

#### **Business:**

#### Adoption of Meeting Minutes:

#### Special Requests

#### **PETITIONS REQUESTING TO BE CONTINUED:**

#### 1. 2024-VAC-003 | 7212 North Rural Street and 7200 Sarto Drive

Washington Township, Council District #3 Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Indianapolis Properties, Inc., by Paul J. Carroll

Vacation of North Rural Street, being 25.68 feet in width, beginning at the north right-of-way line of 73rd Street, north 305.47 feet to the south right-of-way line of Highland Creek Boulevard, South Drive, with a waiver of the assessment of benefits.

\*\* Continue to March 12, 2025, Plat Committee

#### 2. 2025-PLT-001 | 1018 and 1024 Calvary Street

Center Township, Council District #18, zoned D-8 Jason Blankenship, by Mark and Kim Crouch

Approval of a Subdivision Plat to be known as Calvary Townhomes, subdividing 0.27-acre into three lots.

\*\* Automatic Continuance to March 12, 2025, Plat Committee

#### 3. 2025-PLT-002 | 4211 Five Points Road

Franklin Township, Council District #20, zoned D-3 (FF) (Cluster) Mike Lewis, by Brett Huff

Approval of a Subdivision Plat to be known as 5 Star Farms, dividing 50.01 acres into 123 single-family detached lots.

\* Automatic Continuance to March 12, 2025, Plat Committee

4. 2025-PLT-003 | 777 South White River Parkway, West Drive Center Township, Council District #18, zoned SU-2 (RC) (FF) (FW) Board of School Commissioners of the City of Indianapolis, by Edward N. Wolenty Approval of a Subdivision Plat to be known as Thomas A. Edison School No. 47 Plat, subdividing 16.4 acres into two lots.

\*\*Automatic Continuance to March 12, 2025, Plat Committee

### **Petitions for Public Hearing**

#### **PETITIONS TO BE EXPEDITED:**

#### 5. 2024-PLT-067 | 5400 West 86th Street

Pike Township, Council District #1, zoned I-4 Asphalt Materials Inc, by Andrew Dotson

Approval of a Subdivision Plat, to be known as Asphalt Materials Minor Subdivision II, dividing 4.33 acres into two lots, with a waiver of the sidewalk requirement along Robbins Road and 86th Street, per Chapter 741, Article III, Section 6 of the Consolidated Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance.

#### 6. 2024-PLT-075 | 2126 North Delaware Street

Center Township, Council District #12, zoned D-8 (IHPC-HMP) (TOD) Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership, by Jeff Hasser

Approval of a Subdivision Plat, to be known as Replat of 2126 North Delaware Street, being Lot 33 of Morton Place Addition to City of Indianapolis, dividing 0.059-acre into two lots.

#### 7. 2024-PLT-076 | 8515 South Emerson Avenue

Franklin Township, Council District #25, zoned C-S (FF) Milkcrate Development, by Mike Timko

Approval of a Subdivision Plat, to be known as Replat of "Lot 7" of Replat Block 'A' Claybrooke Commons North, dividing 2.31 acres into two lots.

#### 8. 2024-VAC-004 (Amended) | 201 East Washington Street

Center Township, Council Districts #18 (site) #12 (vicinity) Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation, by Brian J. Tuohy

Vacation of a portion of the south right-of-way of Washington Street, being 45.97 feet in width, beginning 14.67 feet west of the east right-of-way line of Delaware Street, east 468.59 feet to a point, a vacation of a portion of west right-of-way of Alabama Street, being 32.64 feet in width, beginning at the south right-of-way line of Washington Street, south 210 feet to a point, and a vacation of a portion of the east right-of-way of Delaware Street right-of-way, being 14.67 feet in width, beginning at the south right-of-way of Delaware Street right-of-way, being 14.67 feet in width, beginning at the south right-of-way line of Washington Street, south 210.2 to a point, with a waiver of the assessment of benefits.

#### 9. 2025-PLT-004 | 6725 Grandview Drive

Washington Township, Council District #2, zoned D-3 Weihe Engineers, Inc, by Joshua Werner

Approval of a Subdivision Plat to be known as Grandview Trails, dividing 0.86-acre into two lots.

#### 10. 2025-PLT-005 | 430 and 445 South White River Parkway, West Drive, and 1440 Gillette Street Center Township, Council District #18, zoned CBD-S (RC) (FF) (TOD) Indiana Economic Development Corporation, by Andi Metzel

Approval of a Subdivision Plat, to be known as Replat of Lots 10B, 11A, 13 and Common Area B – Reimagining the GM Stamping Plant, dividing 38.083 acres into eight lots.

#### 11. 2025-PLT-006 | 1635 Cornell Avenue

Center Township, Council District #13, zoned D-8 Jonathan Brown, by Benjamin Spandau and Thomas Steele

Approval of a Subdivision Plat to be known as Replat of Lot 8 in A. C. Shortridge's Subdivision of Lots 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15, dividing 0.124-acre into two single-family attached lots.

#### **PETITIONS FOR PUBLIC HEARING (New Petitions):**

#### 12. 2025-VAC-001 | 608 and 618 East Market Street

Center Township, Council District #18

BTL Real Estate, LLC, and 618 Studio, LLC, by David Kingen and Emily Duncan

Vacation of the first north-south alley east of Park Avenue, being 12 feet in width, beginning at the south rightof-way line of Wabash Street, south 210 feet, to the north right-of-way line of Market Street, with a waiver of the assessment of benefits.

#### **Additional Business:**

\*\*The addresses of the proposals listed above are approximate and should be confirmed with the Division of Planning. Copies of the proposals are available for examination prior to the hearing by emailing <u>planneroncall@indy.gov</u>. Written objections to a proposal are encouraged to be filed via email at <u>planneroncall@indy.gov</u> before the hearing and such objections will be considered. At the hearing, all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard in reference to the matters contained in said proposals. The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary. For accommodations needed by persons with disabilities planning to attend this public hearing, please call the Office of Disability Affairs at (317) 327-7093, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Department of Metropolitan Development -Current Planning Division.



PLAT COMMITTEE

February 12, 2025

Item 1.

Case Number:	2024-VAC-003	
Property Address:	7212 North Rural Street and 7200 Sarto Drive (Approximate Addresses)	
Location:	Washington Township, Council District #3	
Petitioner:	Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Indianapolis Properties, Inc., by Paul J. Carroll	
Zoning:	D-5	
Request:	Vacation of North Rural Street, being 25.68 feet in width, beginning at the north right-of-way line of 73rd Street, north 305.47 feet to the south right-of-way line of Highland Creek Boulevard, South Drive.	
Waiver Requested:	Assessment of benefits	
Current Land Use:	Unimproved alley	
Staff Reviewer:	Jeffrey York, Principal Planner II	

### **PETITION HISTORY**

This petition was heard and approved by the Plat Committee on November 13, 2024, with a recommendation for the assessment of benefits to be applied to the improved portion (approximately 180 feet) of the subject site. The assessment of benefits hearing was set for **December 11, 2024**, however, that hearing was not held due to lack of quorum. The petition was continued from the January 8, 2025, hearing to the February 12, 2025, by request of the petitioner to provide time for completion of the appraisal of the land. As of this writing, staff has not received the appraisal of the land. Therefore, this petition should be **continued** to the **March 12, 2025**, hearing.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff finds the **vacation** would be in the public interest and recommends the vacation petition be **approved**. Staff does not support the waiver of the assessment of benefits and recommends **denial of the waiver of the assessment of benefits**.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION (denial):** That the Plat Committee find that the proposed vacation is in the public interest, that the waiver of the assessment of benefits be denied; that a hearing upon the assessment of benefits be held on December 11, 2024; that the Plat Committee confirm and ratify the adoption of Declaratory Resolution 2024-VAC-003; and that the vacation be subject to the rights of public utilities under IC 36-7-3-16

**RECOMMENDED MOTION (approval):** That the Plat Committee find that the proposed vacation is in the public interest; that a hearing upon the assessment of benefits be waived; that the Plat Committee confirm and ratify the adoption of Declaratory Resolution 2024-VAC-003; and that the vacation be subject to the rights of public utilities under IC 36-7-3-16.



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### **PETITION OVERVIEW**

#### SUMMARY

This petition, if approved, would vacate a remnant and mostly improved street right-of-way, from the north right-of-way line of 73<sup>rd</sup> Street, 305.47 feet to the north, a point of which is the south right-of-way line of Highland Creek Boulevard, an unimproved street right-of-way. On a site visit, staff noted that a chain link fence was constructed within this right-of-way, with a gate.

The petitioner owns properties on both sides of this right-of-way, including Lot 101, as shown in the survey, below under Exhibits. It is unlikely that development would occur on the lots west of this street, due to an existing large ditch to the north.

The vacation of this portion of this street right-of-way would be in the public interest.

### PROCEDURE

Neither the Division of Planning nor the Plat Committee, Hearing Examiner or Metropolitan Development Commission determines how vacated right-of-way is divided. The approval of a vacation petition only eliminates the public right-of-way. The vacation approval does nothing more. A petitioner will not receive a deed or other document of conveyance after the approval of a vacation.

The general rule under Indiana case law is that when a street or highway is vacated or abandoned the title to the land reverts to the abutting property owners. This rule exists by virtue of the fact that the abutting landowner owns to the center of the street or highway subject only to an easement for the public to the use of the street or highway. Gorby v. McEndarfer 135 Ind.App. 74, \*82, 191 N.E.2d 786, \*\*791 (Ind.App.1963). However, there are possible exceptions to this general rule.

After a vacation of public right-of-way, the county assessor determines how the vacated right-of-way will be assessed for tax purposes.

Petitioners and abutters of the vacated right-of-way should consult their own attorneys for advice regarding the ownership of the vacated right-of way.

### **ASSESSMENT OF BENEFITS**

Approximately 180 feet of the existing right-of-way is improved with pavement to the point where a chain link fence has been constructed. The remaining 125 feet of right-of-way is unimproved. Due to previous investment into this right-of-way, the request to waive the assessment of benefits should be denied.



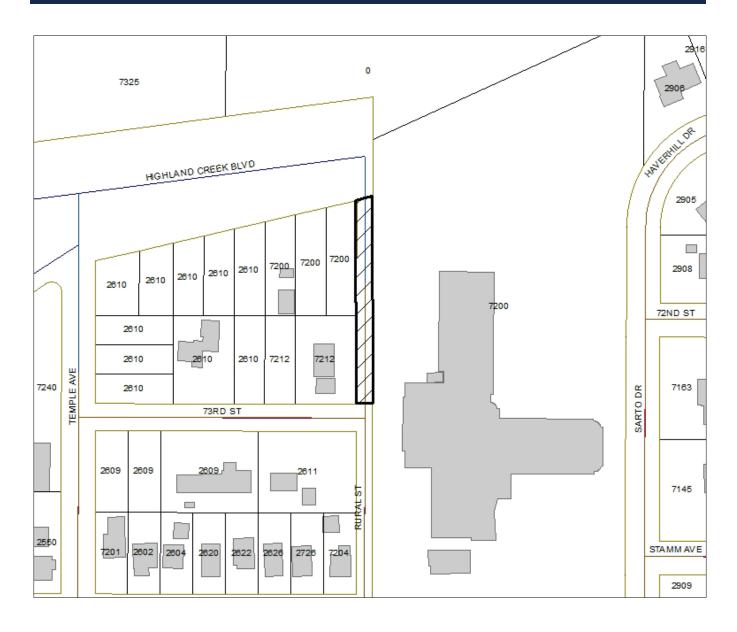
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## GENERAL INFORMATION

Existing Zoning	D-5 (RC)		
Existing Land Use	Church, school, and single-family dwelling		
Comprehensive Plan	Suburban neighborhood development		
Surrounding Context	Zoning Land Use		
North:	D-6	Attached single-family residential	
South:	D-5	Single-family residential	
East:	SU-1	Church and school	
West:	D-5	Single-family residential /	
		undeveloped	
Thoroughfare Plan			
Rural Street	Local street	50-foot existing and proposed	
Petition Submittal Date	September 11, 2024		



## **EXHIBITS**









Petition Number

#### METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION PLAT COMMITTEE HEARING EXAMINER OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA

PETITION FOR VACATION OF A PUBLIC WAY, EASEMENT OR PUBLIC PLACE

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. THE PROPOSED VACATION IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST because:

the street sought to be vacated is between perceis owned by Petitioner, which operates St. Plus Church and School. The street does not extend all the way to the end of 7216 N. Rural St. and dead ends. The street would be unlikely to ever be extended as there is a dtich north of where the street dead ends and the only place it could extend is to the private residential community of Harbour Club Condos. No one besides Petitioner would have any use for the street, as the portion sought to be vacated does not connect to any other street north of 73rd Street or any other property besides those owned by Petitioner.

#### DECISION

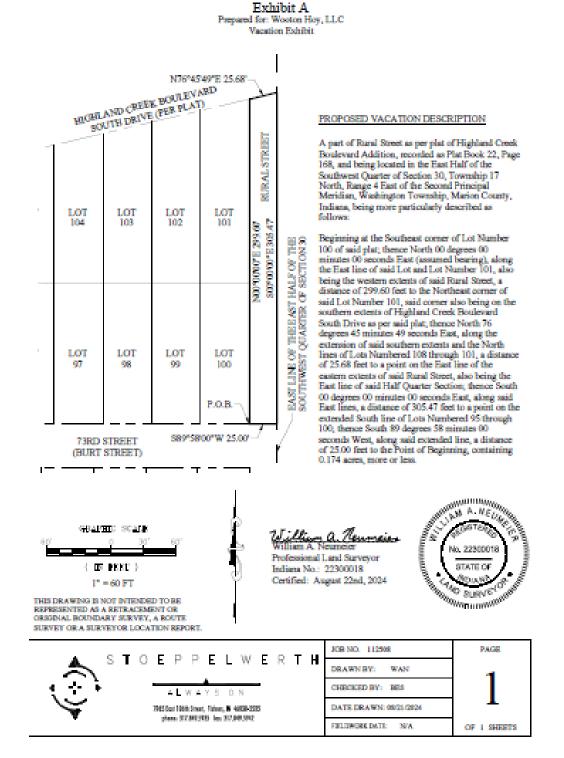
IT IS THEREFORE the decision of this body that this VACATION petition is APPROVED, subject to any conditions stated in the minutes (which conditions are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this decision).

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_

**Findings of Fact** 



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Vacation exhibit.

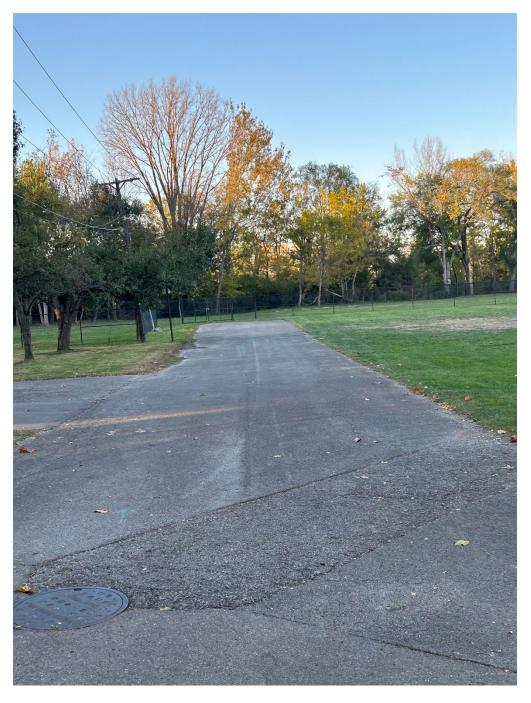


## Photos



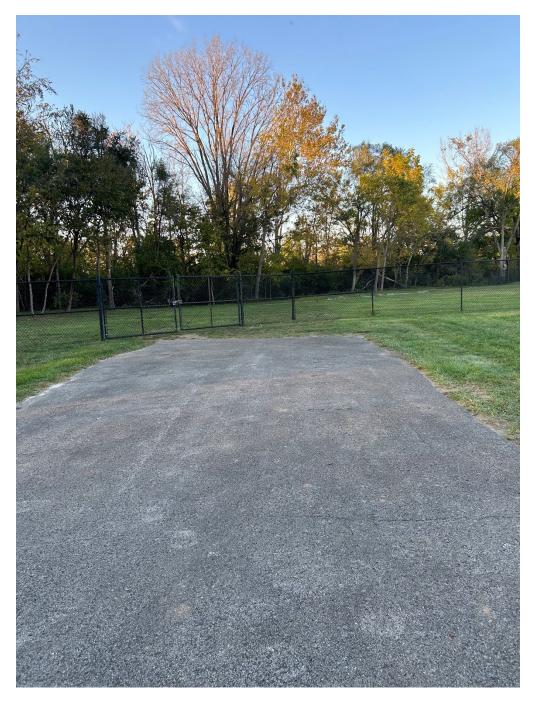
Photograph of proposed alley with improved portion from 73<sup>rd</sup> Street looking north





Photograph of subject alley looking north





Photograph of the north end of the improved portion of the subject site, with the existing fence and gate constructed within the existing right-of-way. The terminus of the subject site is approximately at the tree line, beyond the fence.



February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Item 2.

### PLAT COMMITTEE

Case Number:	2025-PLT-001
Property Address:	1018 and 1024 Calvary Street (Approximate Addresses)
Location:	Center Township, Council District #18
Petitioner:	Jason Blankenship, by Mark and Kim Crouch
Zoning:	D-8
Request:	Approval of a Subdivision Plat to be known as Calvary Townhomes subdividing 0.27-acre into three lots.
Waiver Requested:	None
Current Land Use:	Commercial
Staff Reviewer:	Kiya Mullins, Associate Planner

## **PETITION HISTORY**

The Fountain Square Neighborhood Association, a registered neighborhood organization, has filed an Automatic Continuance, continuing this petition from the February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, hearing to the March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Plat Committee hearing. This will require the Committee's acknowledgement.



### PLAT COMMITTEE

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Item 3.

Case Number:	2025-PLT-002
Property Address:	4211 Five Points Road (Approximate Address)
Location:	Franklin Township, Council District #20
Petitioner:	Mike Lewis, by Brett Huff
Zoning:	D-3 (FF) (Cluster)
Request:	Approval of a Subdivision Plat to be known as 5 Star Farms, dividing 50.01 acres into 123 single-family detached lots.
Waiver Requested:	None
Current Land Use:	Undeveloped
Staff Reviewer:	Michael Weigel, Senior Planner

## **PETITION HISTORY**

A timely automatic continuance request was filed by a registered neighborhood organization to continue this petition to the March 12, 2025 hearing date. A full staff report will be made available in advance of that hearing.



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Item 4.

### PLAT COMMITTEE

Case Number:	2025-PLT-003	
Property Address:	777 South White River Parkway, West Drive (Approximate Address)	
Location:	Center Township, Council District #18	
Petitioner:	Board of School Commissioners of the City of Indianapolis	
Zoning:	SU-2 (RC) (FF) (FW)	
Request:	Approval of a Subdivision Plat to be known as Thomas A. Edison School No. 47 Plat, subdividing 16.4 acres into two lots.	
Waiver Requested:	None	
Current Land Use:	Public school and recreation areas	
Staff Reviewer:	Jeffrey York, Principal Planner II	

## **PETITION HISTORY**

A registered neighborhood organization has submitted a timely request for an **Automatic Continuance**, which would continue this petition to the **March 12, 2025**, hearing. A full staff report will be available in advance of that hearing.



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Item 5.

#### **PLAT COMMITTEE**

Case Number:	2024-PLT-067 (Amended)	
Property Address:	5400 West 86 <sup>th</sup> Street (Approximate Address)	
Location:	Pike Township, Council District #1	
Petitioner:	Asphalt Materials Inc, by Andrew Dotson	
Zoning:	I-4	
Request:	Approval of a Subdivision Plat, to be known as Asphalt Materials Minor Subdivision II, dividing 4.33 acres into two lots, with a waiver of the sidewalk requirement along Robbins Road and 86th Street, per Chapter 741, Article III, Section 6 of the Consolidated Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance.	
Waiver Requested:	Waiver of the sidewalk requirement along Robbins Road	
Current Land Use:	Commercial	
Staff Reviewer:	Noah Stern, Senior Planner	

### **PETITION HISTORY**

This petition was continued to the December 10, 2024 Plat Committee hearing to revise the request.

The petition was continued to the January 8, 2025 and to the February 12, 2025 Plat Committee hearing to allow for further review.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Plat Committee **approve** and find that the plat, file-dated February 6, 2025, complies with the standards of the Subdivision regulations, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That the applicant provides a bond, as required by Section 741-210, of the Consolidated Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance.
- 2. Subject to the Standards and Specifications of Citizens Energy Group, Sanitation Section.
- 3. Subject to the Standards and Specifications of the Department of Public Works, Drainage Section.
- 4. Subject to the Standards and Specifications of the Department of Public Works, Transportation Section.
- 5. That addresses and street names, as approved by the Department of Metropolitan Development, be affixed to the final plat prior to recording.
- 6. That the Enforcement Covenant (Section 741-701, of the Consolidated Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance) be affixed to the final plat prior to recording
- 7. That the Site Distance Covenant (Section 741-702, of the Consolidated Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance) be affixed to the final plat prior to recording.

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- 8. That the Sanitary Sewer Covenant (Section 741-704, of the Consolidated Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance) be affixed to the final plat prior to recording.
- 9. That the Storm Drainage Covenant (Section 741-703, of the Consolidated Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance) be affixed to the final plat prior to recording.
- 10. That the plat restrictions and covenants, done in accordance with the rezoning commitments, be submitted prior to recording the final plat.
- 11. That all the standards related to secondary plat approval listed in Sections 741-207 and 741-208 of the Consolidated Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance be met prior to recording the final plat.
- 12. That the waiver of the sidewalk requirement along Robbins Road be denied.

### **PETITION OVERVIEW**

#### SITE PLAN AND DESIGN

This site is zoned I-4 and developed with commercial uses. The proposed plat would subdivide the property into two lots to provide for a commercial development. The proposed plat meets the standards of the I-4 zoning classification.

#### STREETS

Lot One would front on West 86<sup>th</sup> Street and Robbins Road and Lot Two would front on Robbins Road. No new streets are proposed as part of this petition.

#### SIDEWALKS

Sidewalks are existing on West 86<sup>th</sup> Street and do not exist along Robbins Road and are required along all public rights-of-way. The petitioner has agreed to place sidewalks along Robbins Road, meaning the requested waiver of sidewalks is no longer needed and is to be removed from the request.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

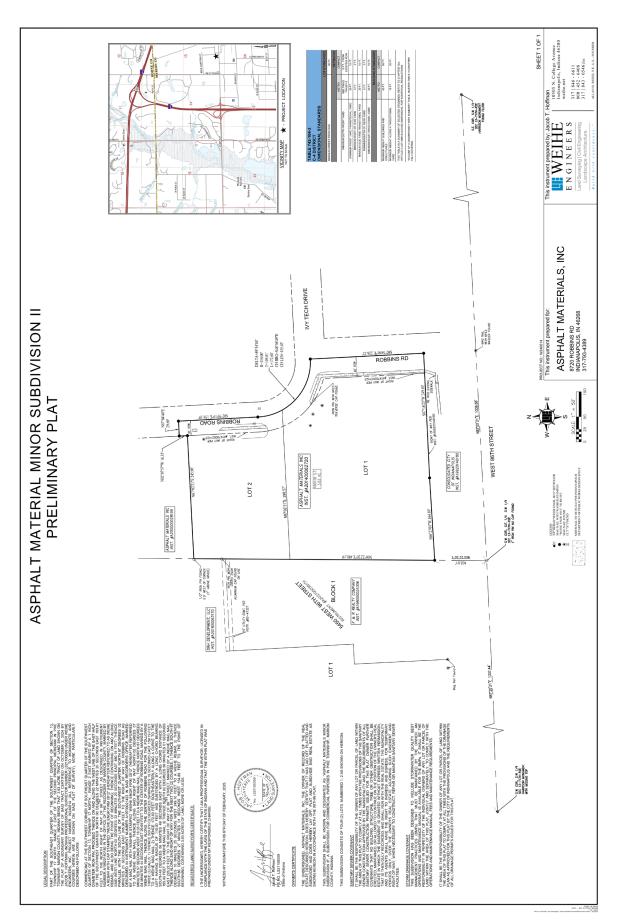
Existing Zoning	C-4	
Existing Land Use	Commercial Integrated Center	
Comprehensive Plan	Village Mixed-Use	
Surrounding Context	Zoning	Land Use
North:	I-4	Commercial
South:	I-4	Industrial
East:	I-4	Commercial
West:	C-4	Commercial
Thoroughfare Plan		
West 86 <sup>th</sup> Street	Primary Arterial	195-foot ROW existing and 134-foot
		proposed
Robbins Road	Local Street	80-foot ROW existing and 50-foot
		proposed
Petition Submittal Date	October 4, 2024	



## EXHIBITS









## PHOTOS















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Department of Metropolitan Development Division of Planning Current Planning

#### PLAT COMMITTEE

Case Number:	2024-PLT-075
Property Address:	2126 North Delaware Street (Approximate Address)
Location:	Center Township, Council District #12
Petitioner:	Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership, by Jeff Hasser
Zoning:	D-8 (IHPC-HMP) (TOD)
Request:	Approval of a Subdivision Plat, to be known as Replat of 2126 North Delaware Street, being Lot 33 of Morton Place Addition to City of Indianapolis, dividing 0.059-acre into two lots.
Waiver Requested:	None
Current Land Use:	Two-Family Dwelling
Staff Reviewer:	Noah Stern, Senior Planner

### **PETITION HISTORY**

This is the first hearing for this plat petition.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Plat Committee **approve** and find that the plat, file-dated January 14, 2025, complies with the standards of the Subdivision regulations, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Subject to the Standards and Specifications of Citizens Energy Group, Sanitation Section.
- 2. Subject to the Standards and Specifications of the Department of Public Works, Drainage Section.
- 3. Subject to the Standards and Specifications of the Department of Public Works, Transportation Section.
- 4. That addresses and street names, as approved by the Department of Metropolitan Development, be affixed to the final plat prior to recording.
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- 8. That the Storm Drainage Covenant (Section 741-703, of the Consolidated Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance) be affixed to the final plat prior to recording.

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- 9. That the plat restrictions and covenants, done in accordance with the rezoning commitments, be submitted prior to recording the final plat.
- 10. That all the standards related to secondary plat approval listed in Sections 741-207 and 741-208 of the Consolidated Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance be met prior to recording the final plat.
- 11. No detached single-family dwellings shall be built on the individual lots.

## **PETITION OVERVIEW**

### SITE PLAN AND DESIGN

The subject site is zoned D-8 and developed with a two-family dwelling. This proposed plat would divide the existing parcel into two lots. Lots 33A and 33B would each contain half of the two-family dwelling with the lot line following the common wall and continuing through the rear of the lot. This replat would allow the property owner to sell each of the parcels individually, rather than as one parcel, with minimal impact on the surrounding property owners.

### STREETS

Lots 33A and 33B would front on North Delaware Street. No new streets are proposed.

#### SIDEWALKS

Sidewalks are existing along North Delaware Street.

#### PROCEDURE

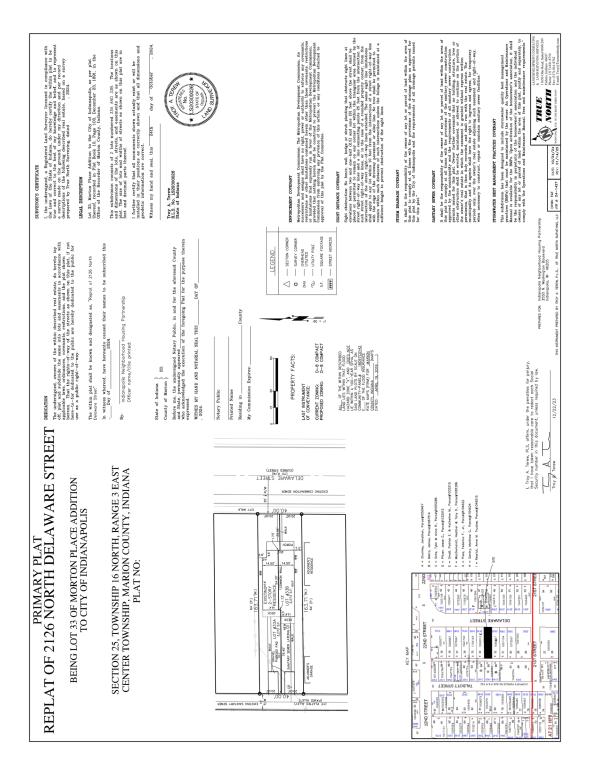
This plat petition, if approved, only legally establishes the division of land. In the event that the existing duplex were to be removed, any new construction that does not conform to the site plan approved by variance would be required to meet all development standards of the D-8 Dwelling District, including, but not limited to, setbacks, minimum lot width and frontage, and minimum open space.

GENERAL INFORMATION		
Existing Zoning	D-8 (IHPC-HMP) (TOD)	
Existing Land Use	Two-family dwelling	
Comprehensive Plan	Traditional Neighborhood	
Surrounding Context	Zoning	Land Use
North:	D-8 (IHPC-HMP) (TOD)	Single-Family residential
South:	D-8 (IHPC-HMP) (TOD)	Single-Family residential
East:	D-8 (IHPC-HMP) (TOD)	Four-plex residential
West:	D-8 (IHPC-HMP) (TOD)	Single-Family residential
Thoroughfare Plan		
North Delaware Street	Local Street	70-foot existing and 78-foot proposed
Petition Submittal Date	December 14, 2024	



## **EXHIBITS**

Preliminary Plat





Present day aerial





# PHOTOS









Item 7.

#### PLAT COMMITTEE

February	12,	2025

Case Number:	2024-PLT-076
Property Address:	8515 South Emerson Avenue (Approximate Address)
Location:	Franklin Township, Council District # 25
Petitioner:	Milkcrate Development, by Mike Timko
Zoning:	C-S (FF)
Request:	Approval of a Subdivision Plat, to be known as Replat of "Lot 7" of Replat Block 'A' Claybrooke Commons North, dividing 2.31 acres into two lots.
Waiver Requested:	None
Current Land Use:	Undeveloped Commercial
Staff Reviewer:	Michael Weigel, Senior Planner

### **PETITION HISTORY**

This is the first hearing for this petition.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Plat Committee **approve** and find that the plat, file-dated January 13, 2025, complies with the standards of the Subdivision regulations, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That the applicant provides a bond, as required by Section 741-210, of the Consolidated Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance.
- 2. Subject to the Standards and Specifications of Citizens Energy Group, Sanitation Section.
- 3. Subject to the Standards and Specifications of the Department of Public Works, Drainage Section.
- 4. Subject to the Standards and Specifications of the Department of Public Works, Transportation Section.
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- That the Sanitary Sewer Covenant (Section 741-704, of the Consolidated Zoning and Subdivision 8. Ordinance) be affixed to the final plat prior to recording.
- 9. That the Storm Drainage Covenant (Section 741-703, of the Consolidated Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance) be affixed to the final plat prior to recording.

- 10. That the plat restrictions and covenants, done in accordance with the rezoning commitments, be submitted prior to recording the final plat.
- 11. That all the standards related to secondary plat approval listed in Sections 741-207 and 741-208 of the Consolidated Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance be met prior to recording the final plat.

### **PETITION OVERVIEW**

### SITE PLAN AND DESIGN

This property is part of a C-S zoning district to allow for commercial, hospital, and multifamily uses. The site is currently undeveloped and is partially located within a floodplain. Previous plat petitions were issued for this and adjacent properties via 2016-PLT-023, 2020-PLT-076, and 2021-PLT-039. The proposed plat would subdivide the property into two lots: Lot One would be 1.42 acres and Lot Two would be 0.89 acres; both lots would likely be utilized for commercial development. The proposed plat meets the standards of the C-S zoning classification.

### STREETS

Both Lot One and Two would front on Emerson Avenue to the west and a private drive to the east. The parcel would also contain a private access drive along the northern section. No new streets are proposed as part of this petition.

### SIDEWALKS

Sidewalks are required and existing along the Emerson Avenue frontage.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Existing Zoning	C-S		
Existing Land Use	Undeveloped Commercial		
Comprehensive Plan	Suburban Neighborhood		
Surrounding Context	Zoning	Land Use	
North:	C-S	Medical	
South:	C-S	Multitenant Commercial	
East:	C-S	Undeveloped	
West:	C-S	Assisted Living Facility	
Thoroughfare Plan			
Shelbyville Road	Primary Arterial	130-foot existing right-of-way and	
		119-foot proposed right of way	
Petition Submittal Date	December 16, 2024		



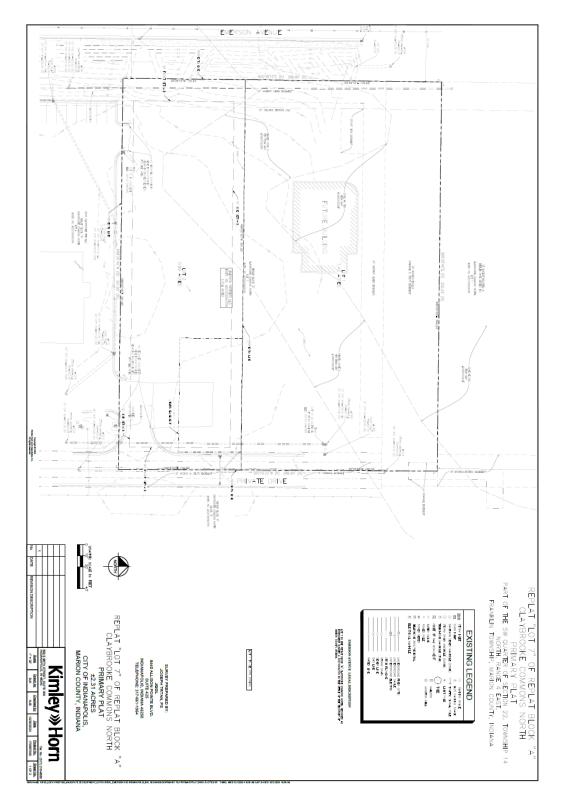
## EXHIBITS

## 2024-PLT-076 ; Aerial Map





## 2024-PLT-076 ; Site Plan





## 2024-PLT-076 ; Photographs



Photo 1: Subject Site from Southwest



Photo 2: Subject Site from East



## 2024-PLT-076 ; Photographs (continued)



## Photo 3: Subject Site from East



Photo 4: Adjacent Property to East



#### **PLAT COMMITTEE**

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Item 8.

Case Number:	2024-VAC-004 (Amended)	
Property Address:	201 East Washington Street (Approximate Address)	
Location:	Center Township, Council District #18 (site) #12 (vicinity)	
Petitioner:	Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation, by Brian J. Tuohy	
Zoning:	CBD-2 (RC)	
Request:	Vacation of a portion of the south right-of-way of Washington Street, being 45.97 feet in width, beginning 14.67 feet west of the east right-of-way line of Delaware Street, east 468.59 feet to a point, a vacation of a portion of west right-of-way of Alabama Street, being 32.64 feet in width, beginning at the south right-of-way line of Washington Street, south 210 feet to a point, and a vacation of a portion of the east right-of-way of Delaware Street right-of-way, being 14.67 feet in width, beginning at the south right-of-way line of Washington Street, south 210 feet to a point, and a vacation of a portion of the east right-of-way of Delaware Street right-of-way, being 14.67 feet in width, beginning at the south right-of-way line of Washington Street, south 210.2 to a point.	
Waiver Requested:	Assessment of benefits (Automatic)	
Current Land Use:	Public streets	
Staff Reviewer:	Jeffrey York, Principal Planner II	

## **PETITION HISTORY**

This petition was originally scheduled for hearing on December 11, 2024; however, a quorum was not present. This petition was **continued with notice** to the **February 12, 2025**, hearing, to provide time for new notice due to slight increases in areas requested to be vacated. The staff recommendation remains approval, subject to a commitment, as noted below.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

**RECOMMENDED MOTION (approval):** That the Plat Committee find that the proposed vacation is in the public interest; that a hearing upon the assessment of benefits is not required by the Plat Committee Rules of Procedure; that the Plat Committee confirm and ratify the adoption of Declaratory Resolution 2024-VAC-004; and that the vacation be subject to the rights of public utilities under IC 36-7-3-16, and subject to the following commitment:

That an easement be granted to the Department of Public Works that would provide for the continued public use of the sidewalks surrounding the Julia Carson Transit Center.



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## **PETITION OVERVIEW**

#### SUMMARY

This petition, if approved, would vacate portions of abutting rights-of-way along the Julia Carson Transit Center, along Washington Street, Delaware Street, and Alabama Street. Specifically, up to 45.18 feet of Washington Street right-of-way, 15 feet of Delaware Street right-of-way and 24.43 feet of Alabama Street right-of-way, would be vacated.

The purpose of the vacation, according to the submitted Findings of Fact and petition information, would allow the petitioner to install and maintain public improvements within the area adjacent to the Transit Center, which may include additional sheltered areas for expansion of bus on- and off-boarding and installation of bus platform stations.

Currently, the existing rights-of-way are improved with sidewalks, other walking paths, landscaping, and on-street parking. The petitioner and the Department of Public Works (DPW) have agreed to a commitment that an easement be granted to DPW to provide for the public to utilize the sidewalks surrounding the Transit Center on a permanent basis. Since a mechanism would be provided for uninterrupted use of the sidewalks and allow for expansion of additional transit infrastructure improvements, the vacation would be in the public interest.

#### PROCEDURE

Neither the Division of Planning nor the Plat Committee, Hearing Examiner or Metropolitan Development Commission determines how vacated right-of-way is divided. The approval of a vacation petition only eliminates the public right-of-way. The vacation approval does nothing more. A petitioner will not receive a deed or other document of conveyance after the approval of a vacation.

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After a vacation of public right-of-way, the county assessor determines how the vacated right-of-way will be assessed for tax purposes.

Petitioners and abutters of the vacated right-of-way should consult their own attorneys for advice regarding the ownership of the vacated right-of way.

#### **ASSESSMENT OF BENEFITS**

The petitioner formally requested a waiver of the assessment of benefits, however, the Plat Committee Rules of Procedure state that "No benefits shall be assessed against the owner of any land in governmental or public ownership, or to be vacated for governmental of public use or for use by a semipublic institution or agency engaged in a public, non-proprietary function, such as education or welfare". IndyGo is a semi-public entity, therefore, the assessment of benefits would be automatically waived.



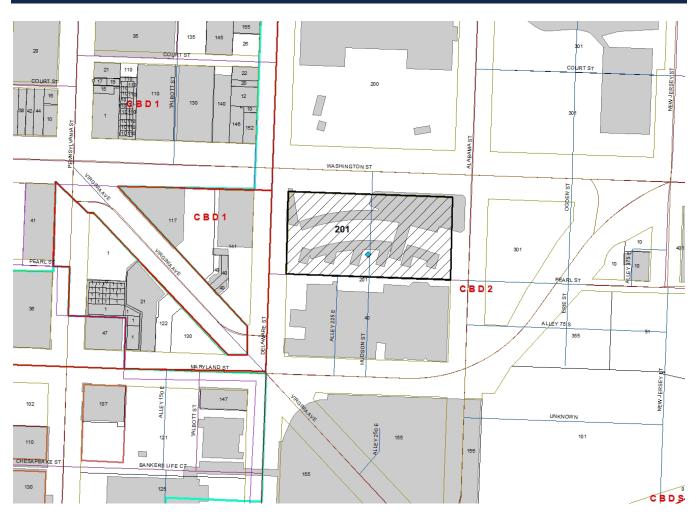
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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Existing Zoning	CBD-2 (RC)	
Existing Land Use	Existing transit center	
Comprehensive Plan	Regional Special Use	
Surrounding Context	Zoning	Land Use
North:	CBD-2 (RC)	City-County Building
South:	CBD-2 (RC)	Former Marion County Jail
East:	CBD-2 (RC)	Surface parking lot
West:	CBD-1 (RC)	Hotel
Thoroughfare Plan		
Washington Street	Primary arterial	78-foot existing and proposed
Delaware Street	Primary arterial	78-foot existing and proposed
Alabama Street	Primary arterial	78-foot existing and proposed
Petition Submittal Date	November 1, 2024	



## EXHIBITS



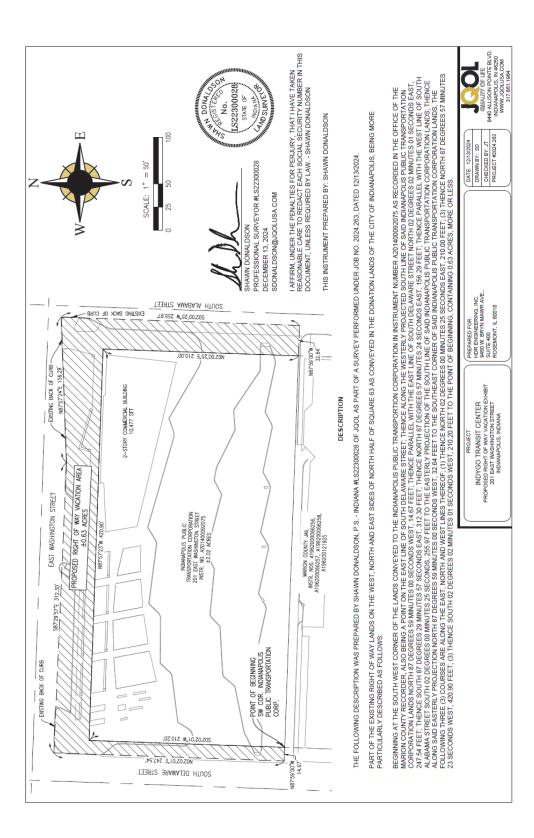
Zoning map of site and surrounding area





Aerial map of site and surrounding area







Petition Number

#### METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION PLAT COMMITTEE HEARING EXAMINER OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA

#### PETITION FOR VACATION OF A PUBLIC WAY, EASEMENT OR PUBLIC PLACE

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. THE PROPOSED VACATION IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST because: The vacation will allow the Petitioner to install and maintain improvements within the area adjacent to the Carson Transit

Center ("CTC"), which improvements will provide bus passengers a more secure and sheltered area for public transportation to and from the CTC.

#### DECISION

IT IS THEREFORE the decision of this body that this VACATION petition is APPROVED, subject to any conditions stated in the minutes (which conditions are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this decision).

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ , 20 \_\_\_\_



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## Petition for Vacation 201 E. Washington Street

## Petitioner: Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation, by Brian J. Tuohy, Attorney

### Description of Area to be Vacated:

Approximately 0.07 acres of right-of-way ("ROW") on the east side of Delaware Street adjacent to the parcel at 201 East Washington Street ("Site"), approximately 0.47 acres of ROW on the south side of Washington Street adjacent to the Site and approximately 0.12 acres of ROW on the west side of Alabama Street adjacent to the Site (all such ROW are collectively referred to as the "Vacated Area").

#### Reason for Vacation:

The Petitioner desires to construct bus platform stations within the Vacated Area, improve security in and around the Carson Transit Center ("CTC") as well as install and maintain other improvements within the Vacated Area to provide more convenient and secure access to public transportation at the CTC.

#### Proposed Use:

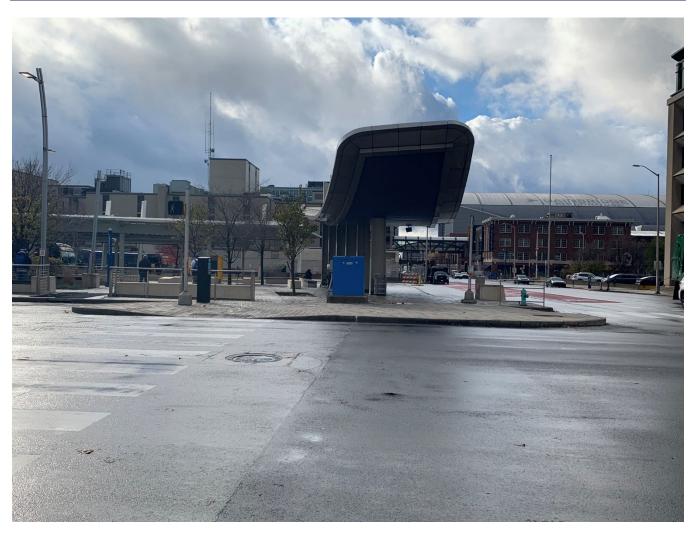
Petitioner proposes to use the Vacated Area for public bus on and off boarding, as well as for installation of bus platform stations for customers and sidewalks and other public transportation-related improvements.

#### The Public Interest or Benefit that will Result from the Vacation:

The CTC will be able to provide a convenient, sheltered and secure bus platform for the users of public transportation and will allow improved public use and access to the CTC.

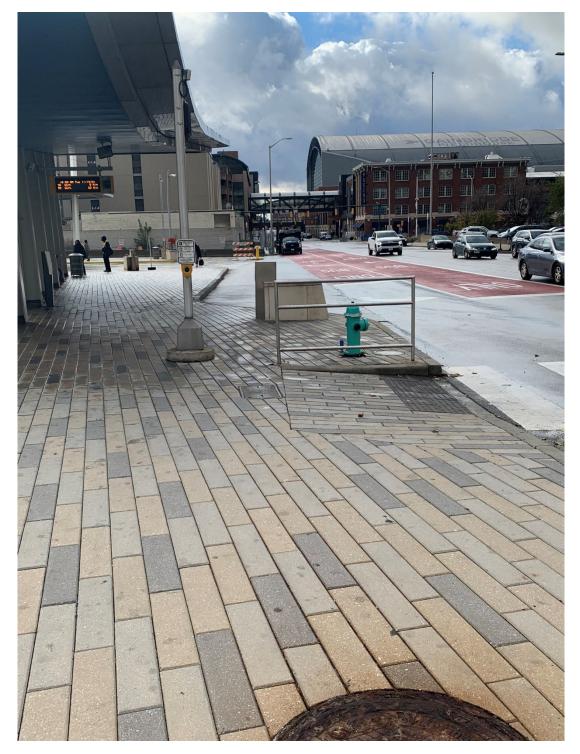


## Photos



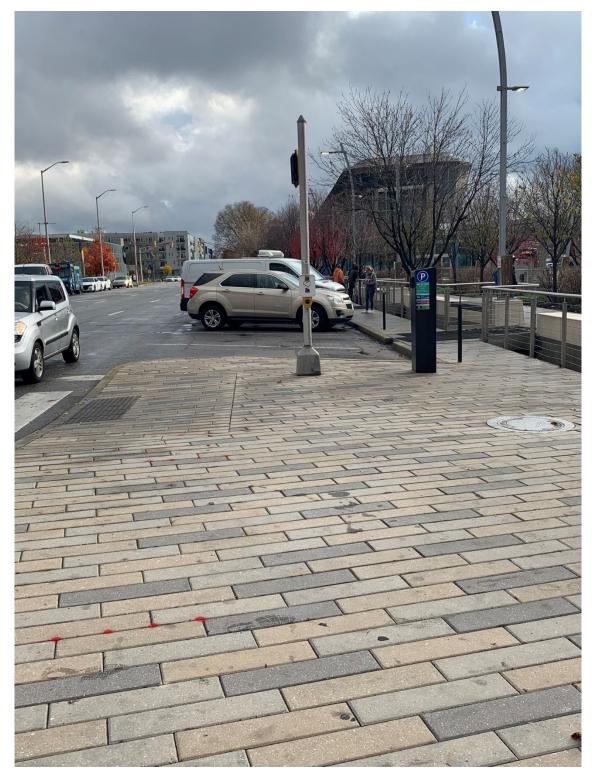
View of IndyGo transit stop structure at the intersection of Washington Street and Delaware Street, looking south.





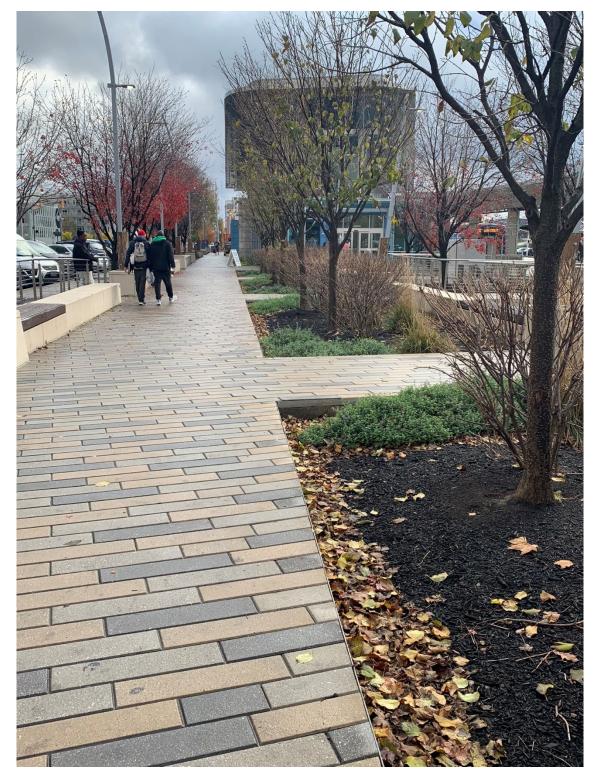
Close view of existing infrastructure within the Delaware Street right-of-way





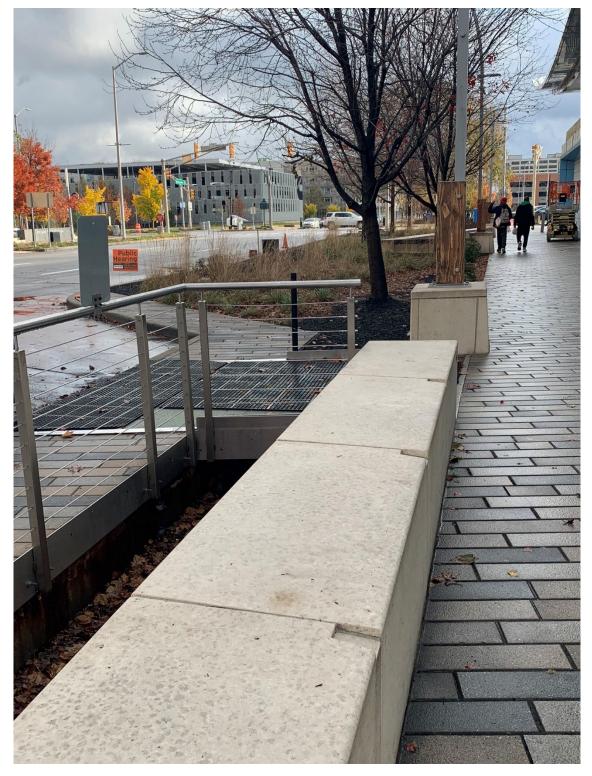
View of existing infrastructure within the Washington Street right-of-way looking east from the Delaware Street intersection





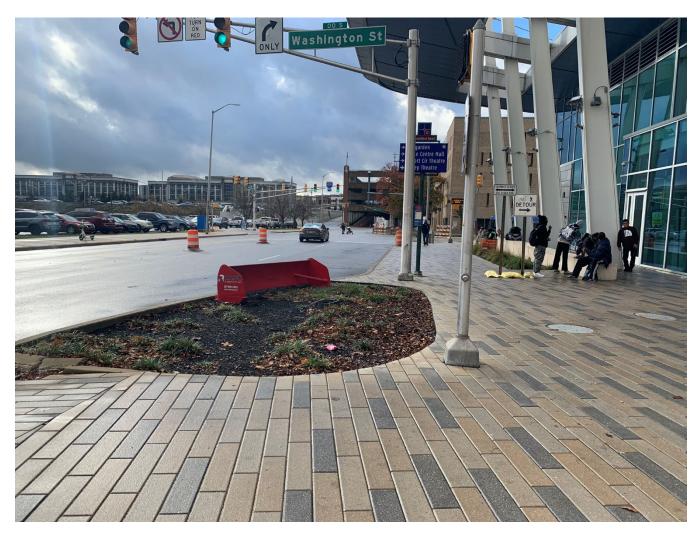
Close view of existing infrastructure within the Washington Street right-of-way





Close view of existing infrastructure within the Washington Street right-of-way





View of existing infrastructure within the Alabama Street right-of-way, from the Washington Street intersection, looking south



February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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### PLAT COMMITTEE

Case Number:	2025-PLT-004
Property Address:	6725 Grandview Drive (Approximate Address)
Location:	Washington Township, Council District #2
Petitioner:	Weihe Engineers, Inc, by Joshua Werner
Zoning:	D-3
Request:	Approval of a Subdivision Plat to be known as Grandview Trails, dividing 0.86-acre into two lots.
Waiver Requested:	None
Current Land Use:	Residential
Staff Reviewer:	Kiya Mullins, Associate Planner

## PETITION HISTORY

This is the first hearing for this plat petition.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Plat Committee **approve** and find that the plat, file-dated January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, complies with the standards of the Subdivision regulations, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Subject to the Standards and Specifications of Citizens Energy Group, Sanitation Section.
- 2. Subject to the Standards and Specifications of the Department of Public Works, Drainage Section.
- 3. Subject to the Standards and Specifications of the Department of Public Works, Transportation Section.
- 4. That addresses and street names, as approved by the Department of Metropolitan Development, be affixed to the final plat prior to recording.
- 5. That the Enforcement Covenant (Section 741-701, of the Consolidated Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance) be affixed to the final plat prior to recording
- 6. That the Site Distance Covenant (Section 741-702, of the Consolidated Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance) be affixed to the final plat prior to recording.
- 7. That the Sanitary Sewer Covenant (Section 741-704, of the Consolidated Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance) be affixed to the final plat prior to recording.
- 8. That the Storm Drainage Covenant (Section 741-703, of the Consolidated Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance) be affixed to the final plat prior to recording.
- 9. That the plat restrictions and covenants, done in accordance with the rezoning commitments, be submitted prior to recording the final plat.



- 10. That all the standards related to secondary plat approval listed in Sections 741-207 and 741-208 of the Consolidated Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance be met prior to recording the final plat.
- 11. That all the standards related to secondary plat approval listed in Sections 741-207 and 741-208 of the Consolidated Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance be met prior to recording the final plat.

## **PETITION OVERVIEW**

### SITE PLAN AND DESIGN

The subject site is 0.86 acres in a D-3 zoning district. If approved, this plat petition will split the existing parcel into two (2) parcels. One single family dwelling is currently planned to be built on each newly created parcel.

### STREETS

Each of the newly created parcels will face Grandview Drive, and driveways will be constructed connecting Grandview Drive to the front of each of the proposed dwellings.

### SIDEWALKS

No sidewalks exist along Grandview Drive and are not planned to be constructed with this plat petition.

#### PROCEDURE

This plat petition, if approved, only legally establishes the division of the land. The new dwellings would be required to meet all development standards of the D-3 Dwelling District, including, but not limited to, setbacks, minimum open space, minimum lot width, and frontage.

Existing Zoning	D-3	
Existing Land Use	Vacant	
Comprehensive Plan	Suburban Neighborhood	
Surrounding Context	Zoning	Land Use
North:	D-2	Suburban Neighborhood
South:	SU-1	Suburban Neighborhood
East:	D-2	Suburban Neighborhood
West:	D-2	Suburban Neighborhood
Thoroughfare Plan		
Grandview Drive	Secondary Arterial	90 feet of right-of-way existing and 90 feet of right-of-way proposed.
Yvonne Drive	Local Street	70 feet of right-of-way existing and 50 feet of right-of-way proposed.
Petition Submittal Date	January 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2025	



## **EXHIBITS**

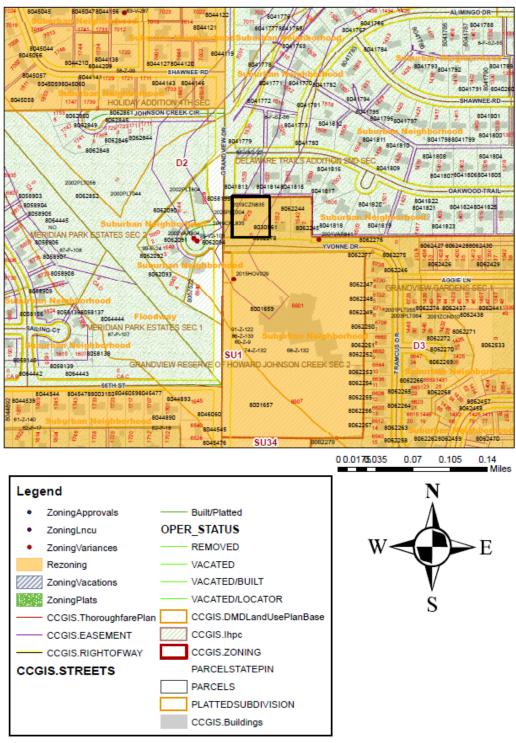
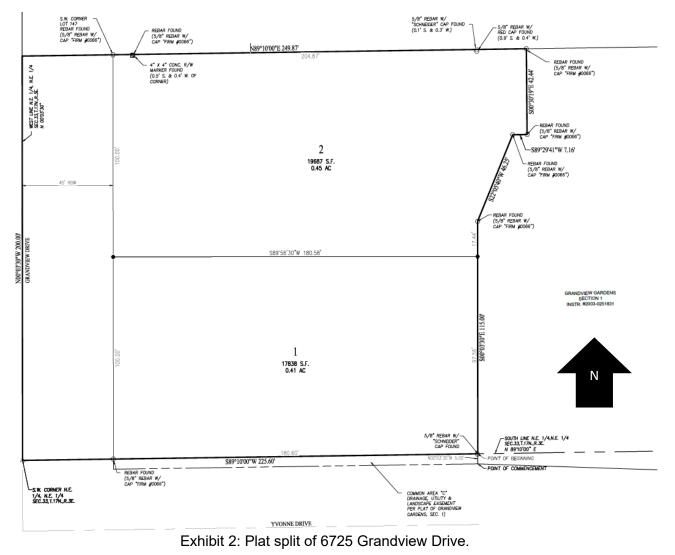


Exhibit 1: ArcGIS map of property with surrounding area.

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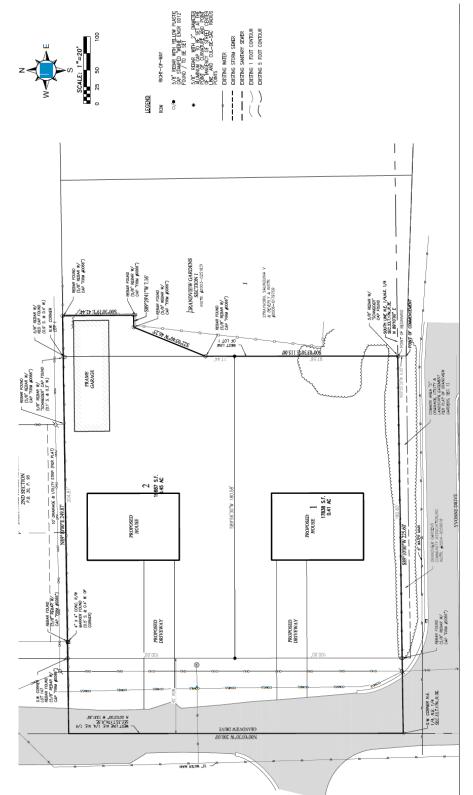


Exhibit 4: Proposed single-family structures to be built on the newly created parcels if approved.





Exhibit 5: 6725 Grandview Drive.





Exhibit 6: Looking south down Grandview Drive.





Exhibit 7: Looking north down Grandview Drive.





Exhibit 8: Homes across the street from 6725 Grandview Drive.

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### PLAT COMMITTEE

Case Number:	2025-PLT-005
Property Address:	430 and 445 South White River Parkway, West Drive, 1440 Gillette Street (Approximate Addresses)
Location:	Center Township, Council District #18
Petitioner:	Indiana Economic Development Corporation, by Andi M. Metzel
Zoning:	CBD-S (RC) (FF) (TOD)
Request:	Approval of a Subdivision Plat to be known as Replat of Lots 10B, 11A, 13, and Common Area B – Reimagining the GM Stamping Plant, dividing 37.083 acres into eight lots (including common area).
Waiver Requested:	None
Current Land Use:	Developing light industrial.
Staff Reviewer:	Jeffrey York, Principal Planner I

## **PETITION HISTORY**

This is the first hearing for this petition.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Plat Committee **approve** and find that the plat, file-dated January 8, 2025, complies with the standards of the Subdivision regulations, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Subject to the Standards and Specifications of Citizens Energy Group, Sanitation Section.
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- 9. That the plat restrictions and covenants, done in accordance with the rezoning commitments, be submitted prior to recording the final plat.
- 10. That all the standards related to secondary plat approval listed in Sections 741-207 and 741-208 of the Consolidated Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance be met prior to recording the final plat.

#### **PETITION OVERVIEW**

### SITE PLAN AND DESIGN

This request would replat lots that were previously platted. Lots 10B, 13, and Common Area B were originally platted in 2022, through 202-CPL-824. Lot 11A was originally platted in 2022, through 2022-CPL-824 and re-platted once further in 2024, through 2024-PLT-012.

This request is further detailing of developing the site formerly known as the GM Stamping Plant. This request would create additional lots from three existing lots and a common area and vacate the formerly proposed extension of Division Street. The overall site, over 93 acres, is planned for a mixed-use development, including offices, light industrial, commercial retail, multi-family dwellings and hotels. Currently, an animal medical and health facility is under construction directly to the east majority of this site.

The subject site is zoned CBD-S (RC) and is under development. It was rezoned to the CBD-S (RC) classification earlier in 2022 through 2022-CZN-824. Included with this rezoning was a Master Plan. In 2025, this Master Plan was updated, through 2024-MOD-024. For the subject site, the Master Plan indicates that Lot 10 would be developed with offices, a courtyard, parking, and urban mixed-uses, including retail educational uses and multi-family dwellings. Lot 11 would be developed with light manufacturing, utilities, and offices. Lot 13 would be public open space in the form of an expansion of White River State Park. Common Area B would remain as common area.

This replat would divide the previously platted lots into seven lots, plus a common area. The proposed plat generally meets the standards of the CBD-S (RC) zoning classification and the subdivision development standards.

#### STREETS

Two new streets would be developed to access the lots - Gillette Street and Henry Street. Henry Street will have direct access to the downtown via a new bridge over White River, currently under construction, between White River Parkway, West Drive and Kentucky Avenue.

#### SIDEWALKS

Sidewalks are required along all proposed streets.

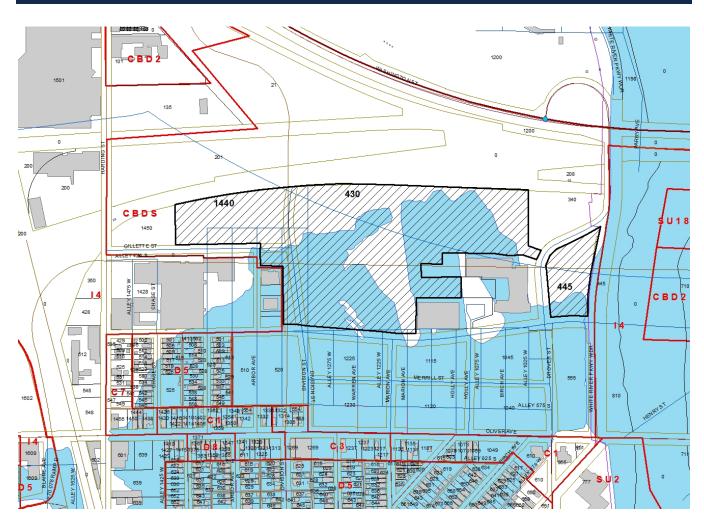


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## GENERAL INFORMATION

Existing Zoning	CBD-S (RC)		
Existing Land Use	Under development		
Comprehensive Plan	Urban mixed-use development		
Surrounding Context	Zoning Land Use		
North:	CBD-S (RC)	Railroad	
South:	I-4 (RC)	Industrial	
East:	CBD-S (RC)	Developing commercial / industrial	
West:	I-4 (RC)	Industrial	
Thoroughfare Plan			
Harding Street	Primary Collector Street	56-foot existing and proposed	
Petition Submittal Date	February 28, 2024		

## EXHIBITS

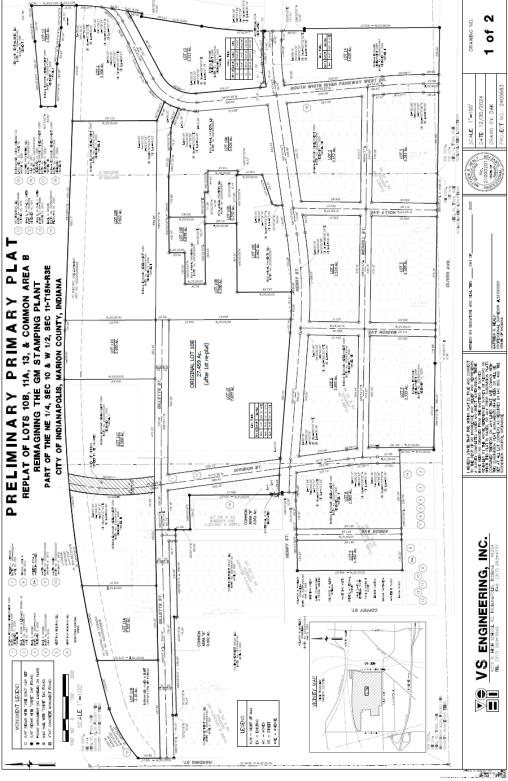






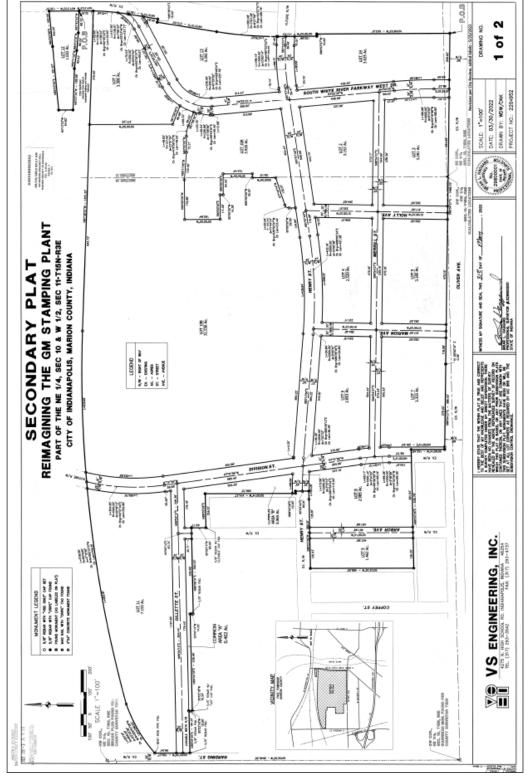
REPLAT OF LOTS 10B, 11A, 13 & COMMON AREA B - AREA MAP





Proposed Plat

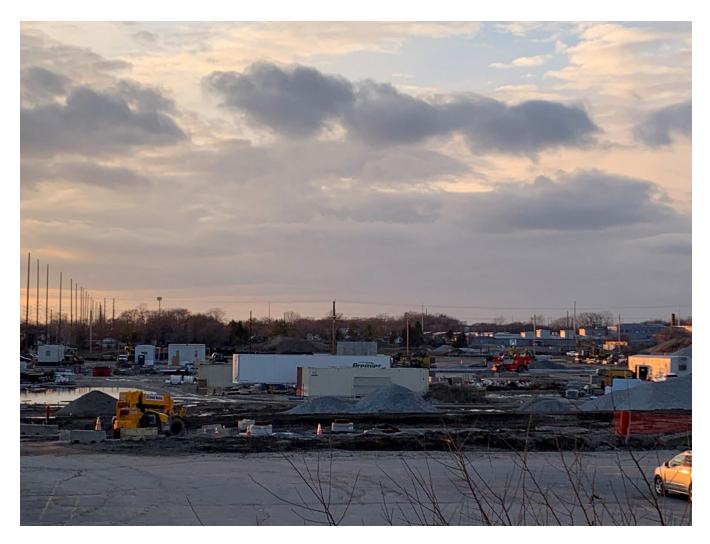




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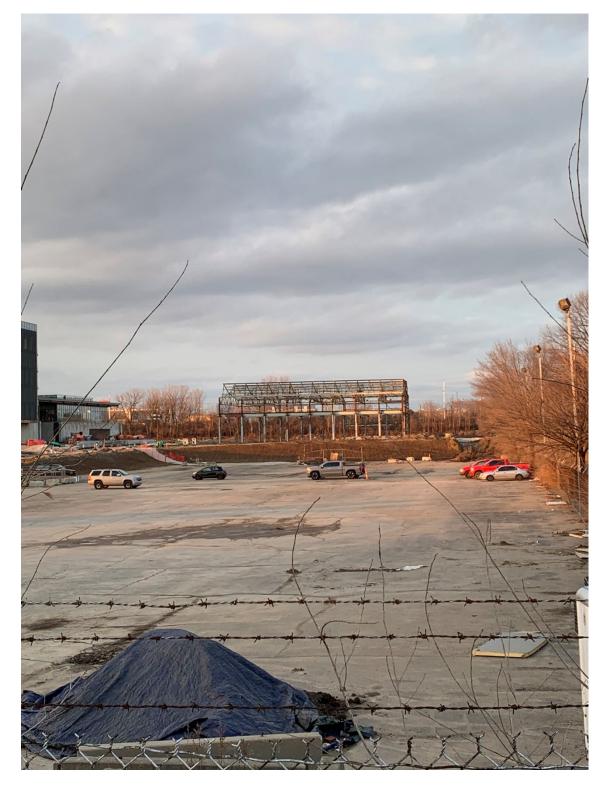


## PHOTOS



View from White River Parkway, West Drive, looking west.





View from Oliver Street, looking north.

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### PLAT COMMITTEE

Case Number:	2025-PLT-006
Property Address:	1635 Cornell Avenue (Approximate Address)
Location:	Center Township, Council District #13
Petitioner:	Jonathan Brown, by Benjamin Spandau and Thomas Steele
Zoning:	D-8
Request:	Approval of a Subdivision Plat to be known as Replat of Lot 8 in A. C. Shortridge's Subdivision of Lots 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15, dividing 0.124-acre into two single-family attached lots.
Waiver Requested:	None
Current Land Use:	Two-Family Dwelling
Staff Reviewer:	Noah Stern, Senior Planner

## **PETITION HISTORY**

This is the first hearing for this plat petition.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Plat Committee **approve** and find that the plat, file-dated January 9, 2025 complies with the standards of the Subdivision regulations, subject to the following conditions:

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- 11. No detached single-family dwellings shall be built on the individual lots.

## **PETITION OVERVIEW**

### SITE PLAN AND DESIGN

The subject site is zoned D-8 and developed with a two-family dwelling. This proposed plat would divide the existing parcel into two lots. Lots 1 and 2 would each contain half of the two-family dwelling with the lot line following the common wall and continuing through the rear of the lot. This replat would allow the property owner to sell each of the parcels individually, rather than as one parcel, with minimal impact on the surrounding property owners.

### STREETS

Lots 1 and 2 would front on Cornell Avenue. No new streets are proposed.

### SIDEWALKS

Sidewalks are existing along Cornell Avenue.

#### PROCEDURE

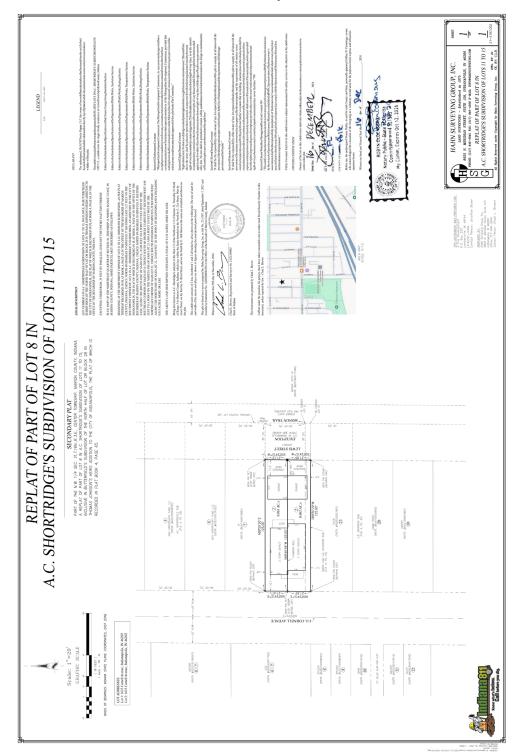
This plat petition, if approved, only legally establishes the division of land. In the event that the existing duplex were to be removed, any new construction that does not conform to the site plan approved by variance would be required to meet all development standards of the D-8 Dwelling District, including, but not limited to, setbacks, minimum lot width and frontage, and minimum open space.

ENERAL INFORMATION		
Existing Zoning	D-8	
Existing Land Use	Two-family dwelling	
Comprehensive Plan	Traditional Neighborhood	
Surrounding Context	Zoning	Land Use
North:	I-3	Single-Family residential
South:	I-3	Single-Family residential
East:	MU-2	Multi-Family residential
West:	D-8	Single-Family residential
Thoroughfare Plan		
Cornell Avenue	Local Street	50-foot existing and 48-foot proposed
Petition Submittal Date	January 2, 2025	



## **EXHIBITS**

Preliminary Plat





Present day aerial

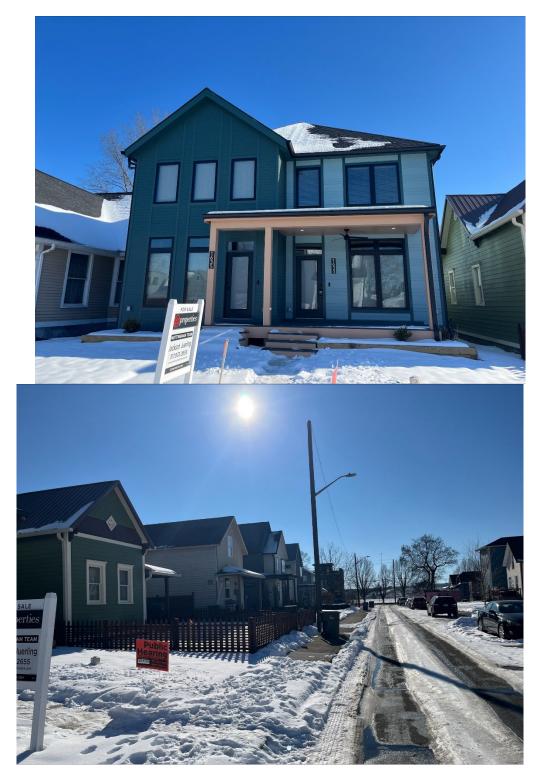




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### PLAT COMMITTEE

February 12, 2025

Case Number:	2025-VAC-001	
Property Address:	608 and 618 East Market Street (Approximate Addresses)	
Location:	Center Township, Council District #18	
Petitioner:	BTL Real Estate, LLC, and 618 Studio, LLC, by David Kingen and Emily Duncan	
Zoning:	CBD-2 (FF)	
Request:	Vacation of the first north-south alley east of Park Avenue, being 12 feet in width, beginning at the south right-of-way line of Wabash Street, south 210 feet, to the north right-of-way line of Market Street.	
Waiver Requested:	Assessment of benefits	
Current Land Use:	Improved alley	
Staff Reviewer:	Jeffrey York, Principal Planner II	

## **PETITION HISTORY**

This is the first hearing for this petition.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff finds the **vacation** would be in the public interest and recommends the vacation petition be **approved**. Staff does not support the waiver of the assessment of benefits and recommends **denial of the waiver of the assessment of benefits**.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION (denial of waiver request):** That the Plat Committee find that the proposed vacation is in the public interest, that the waiver of the assessment of benefits be denied; that a hearing upon the assessment of benefits be held on March 12, 2025; that the Plat Committee confirm and ratify the adoption of Declaratory Resolution 2025-VAC-001; and that the vacation be subject to the rights of public utilities under IC 36-7-3-16

**RECOMMENDED MOTION (approval of waiver request):** That the Plat Committee find that the proposed vacation is in the public interest; that a hearing upon the assessment of benefits be waived; that the Plat Committee confirm and ratify the adoption of Declaratory Resolution 2025-VAC-001; and that the vacation be subject to the rights of public utilities under IC 36-7-3-16.



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## **PETITION OVERVIEW**

#### SUMMARY

This petition, if approved, would vacate an improved alley right-of-way between Market Street and Park Avenue, within the urban center of the city. This alley is a remnant alley left between Market Street Ohio Street. The rest of the alley, from Park Street to Ohio Street, was vacated in 1981, via 81-VAC-2.

An exhibit is provided below noting the location of this ally in relation to the previous alley, as part of the original plat of this area, recorded on May 12, 1845.

The vacation of this portion of this street right-of-way would be in the public interest.

#### PROCEDURE

Neither the Division of Planning nor the Plat Committee, Hearing Examiner or Metropolitan Development Commission determines how vacated right-of-way is divided. The approval of a vacation petition only eliminates the public right-of-way. The vacation approval does nothing more. A petitioner will not receive a deed or other document of conveyance after the approval of a vacation.

The general rule under Indiana case law is that when a street or highway is vacated or abandoned the title to the land reverts to the abutting property owners. This rule exists by virtue of the fact that the abutting landowner owns to the center of the street or highway subject only to an easement for the public to the use of the street or highway. Gorby v. McEndarfer 135 Ind.App. 74, \*82, 191 N.E.2d 786, \*\*791 (Ind.App.1963). However, there are possible exceptions to this general rule.

After a vacation of public right-of-way, the county assessor determines how the vacated right-of-way will be assessed for tax purposes.

Petitioners and abutters of the vacated right-of-way should consult their own attorneys for advice regarding the ownership of the vacated right-of way.

#### **ASSESSMENT OF BENEFITS**

The entire right-of-way is improved with concrete and in excellent condition. Therefore, the city has invested in this alley. Due to previous investment into this right-of-way, the request to waive the assessment of benefits should be denied.



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# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Existing Zoning	CBD-2 (RC) (FF) (TOD)		
Existing Land Use	Offices		
Comprehensive Plan	Urban mixed-use development		
Surrounding Context	Zoning	Land Use	
North:	CBD-2 (FF) (TOD)	Commercial	
South:	CBD-2 (FF) (TOD)	Commercial	
East:	CBD-2 (FF) (TOD)	Offices	
West:	CBD-2 (FF) (TOD)	Offices	
Thoroughfare Plan			
Market Street	Primary collector	56-foot existing and proposed	
Petition Submittal Date	December 13, 2024		







Petition Number

#### METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION PLAT COMMITTEE HEARING EXAMINER OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA

#### PETITION FOR VACATION OF A PUBLIC WAY, EASEMENT OR PUBLIC PLACE

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

 THE PROPOSED VACATION IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST because: The alley is unused by the public. Allows the abutting two properties to expand their sites. Converted to private property of unused public property.

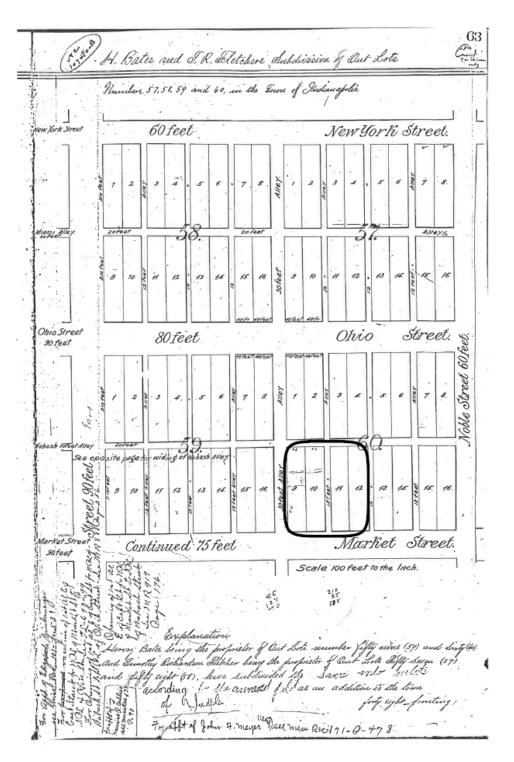
#### DECISION

IT IS THEREFORE the decision of this body that this VACATION petition is APPROVED, subject to any conditions stated in the minutes (which conditions are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this decision).

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ , 20 \_\_\_\_

**Findings of Fact** 

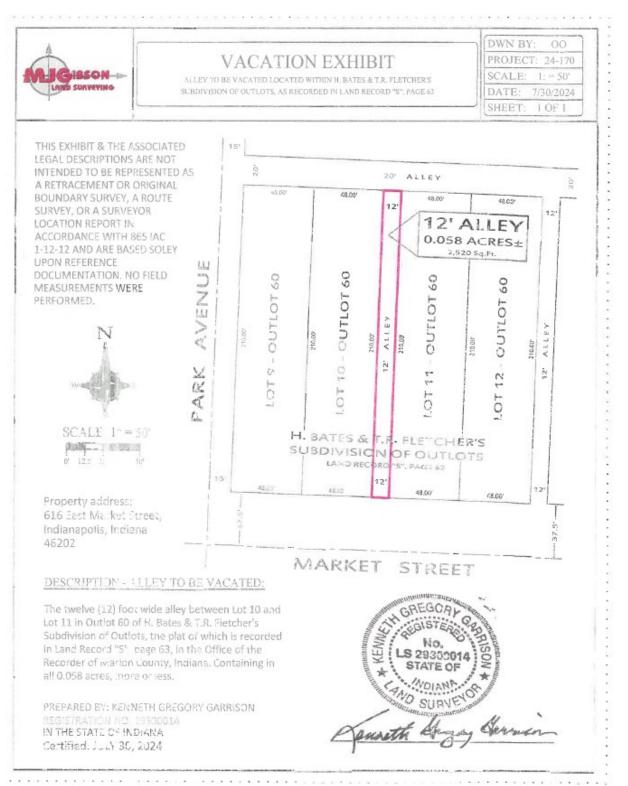




**Original Plat** 



Item 12.



Vacation exhibit.



## Photos

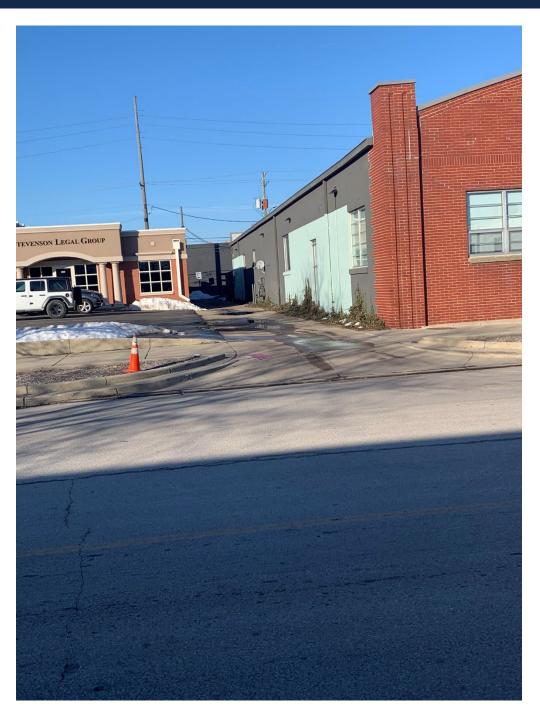


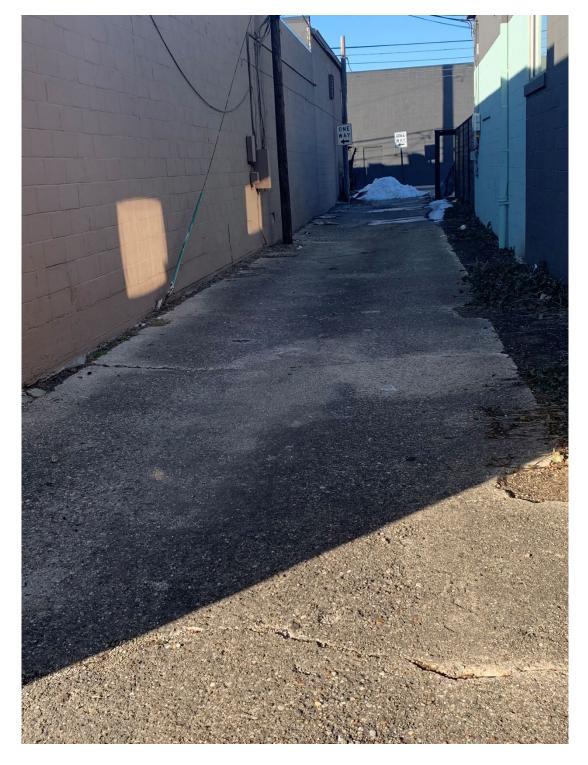
Photo of alley from Market Street, looking north



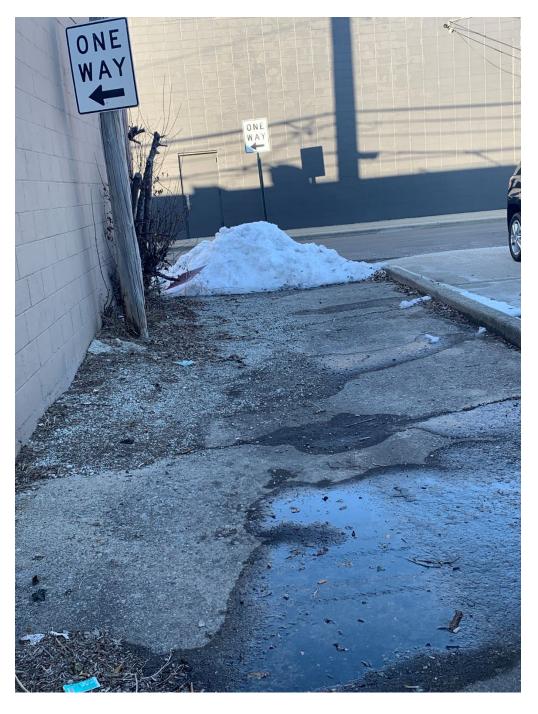


View of the southern portion of the subject alley





View of the remaining portion of the subject alley



View of the northern portion of the subject alley where it intersects with Park Avenue