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<b>Common Council Item Number:</b> ID#17-1557	<b>Date:</b> 10/25/2017
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<b>Subject:</b> Fire Station No. 5 Driveway Widening	

**Details:**  
 As part of WisDOT's Phase 1 of the West Waukesha Bypass Project, Summit Avenue will be reconstructed from HWY TT to 200' east of the City of Waukesha Fire Station #5 driveway. During the reconstruction project, the driveway approach to Fire Station #5 will be reconstructed, and the current WisDOT plans show the driveway to be replaced at the existing width. After correspondence with the WisDOT project team, Fire Department Staff, and City Engineering Staff, a request is being made to widen the driveway from the existing width (approx. 35') to a width of 60'. The additional width would allow for improved operations for the Fire Department vehicles, and also allow for entrance and exit from this driveway. The WisDOT reconstruction project is also widening Summit Avenue in this location, forcing a steeper driveway approach at Fire Station #5. The widening of the drive approach would allow for a flatter slope on the western side of the driveway apron, making easier entrance/exit for the larger fire vehicles. Previously, during the construction of Fire Station #5, a wider driveway entrance was requested but ultimately was restricted by WisDOT having control of the access to HWY 18. Summit Avenue is now under City jurisdiction and WisDOT will not be controlling the access details or widths.

- Options & Alternatives:**
1. Leave the existing drive approach width as-is and not improving the operations for Fire Department vehicles.
  2. Shift the drive approach to the west, and only widen the opening to the maximum 45'.

**Financial Remarks:**  
 The cost of the widened drive approach was agreed to be paid by WisDOT as part of the reconstruction project.

**Staff Recommendation:**  
 Recommend the approval of the 60' driveway width for Fire Station #5.

