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TO: City of Waukesha Plan Commission, Jennifer Andrews

FROM: City of Waukesha Department of Public Works, Brad Blumer

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Dear Plan Commission:

A section of existing public right of way, south of Summit Avenue to the city limits, is currently named as Merrill Hills Road. As a result of the completion of the West Bypass project, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation has re-aligned the route of U.S. Highway 18 to follow the bypass, thus avoiding the former downtown route. To facilitate navigation, the County and State agreed to sign the new portion of the U.S. Highway 18 bypass as Les Paul Pkwy, thus creating a single name for the bypass from Moreland Boulevard in the East to Summit Avenue in the West. The portion of the bypass within the city, South of Summit Avenue, was built in the existing location of Merrill Hills Road.

Other portions of the bypass follow a new route not located within a previous right-of-way. The result is that there are portions of Merrill Hills Road still open and unaffected by the bypass construction, except that they are now dead-ends and do not connect directly to the bypass.

The bypass is now complete and open to the public and signed as Les Paul Parkway. We recommend to formally rename the portion of concurrent with Merrill Hills Road to Les Paul Pkwy, and to formally name the new portions of the bypass within the city limits. The benefit of this will be to aid in navigation, match current signage, and to avoid confusion due to remnant pieces of Merrill Hills Road which follow their original alignment. Two properties would be affected and have their addresses reassigned to Les Paul Pkwy.

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