



## Board of Public Works Staff Report

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**Project/Event:** Alley Right-of-Way Vacation – Hopewell West Development  
Proposing to Vacate Existing North-South and East-West  
Alleys

**Petitioner/Representative:** Engineering Department

**Staff Representative:** Scott Robinson, Director Planning and Transportation

**Date:** 09/08/2023

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**Report:** As part of the redevelopment of the former Hopewell site, two platted alleys at the southwest corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Rogers Streets are to be vacated to allow for orderly design of new ROWs, alleys, and development parcels. The alleys have most recently been utilized by IU Health as part of a parking lot. The Hopewell West project area is generally bounded by 2nd Street to the north, 1st Street to the south, Rogers Street to the east, and the location of a future Fairview Street connection to the west. Both platted alleys are 12 feet wide. The east-west platted alley will be replaced by a 20 foot wide alley slightly to the south of the existing platted location. The north-south platted alley would be replaced in the area south of the east-west platted alley by a pedestrian easement. The project also plans to extend Jackson Street from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to 1<sup>st</sup> Street. While the vacation of ROW is a City Council decision it has been the standard practice to present the vacations for BPW consideration prior to requesting the vacation from Council. The project seeks BPW opinion on the proposed ROW vacations.

The Bloomington Redevelopment Commission represented by Crossroad Engineers on this request has agreements to purchase the lands bordering the alleys. All local utilities have been contacted. Only CBU has replied to date, with no comments.

The alley vacations requested are in line with the Bloomington Hospital Site Redevelopment Master Plan Report dated January 2021 that underwent a rigorous public engagement process. The east-west connection currently provided by the alleys will be remain slightly to the south of the existing alley. South of this alley, a pedestrian easement is proposed to continue to provide public pedestrian access from the alley to the park area to the south.

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