



July 27, 2022

**Honorable Detroit City Council  
C/o Detroit City Clerk  
2 Woodward Avenue  
200 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center  
Detroit, Michigan 48226**

RE: Giffels Webster - Request several modifications to the right-of-way within the block bounded by Vernor Highway (Variable Width), Lacombe Drive (variable width), 15<sup>th</sup> Street (60 feet wide), and Newark Street (50 feet wide).

Giffels Webster, 28 W. Adams, Suite 1200, Detroit, Michigan 48226 on behalf of Ford Motor Company, 1 American Rd., Dearborn, MI respectfully requests the following modifications to the right-of-way within the block bounded by Vernor Highway (Variable Width), Lacombe Drive (variable width), 15<sup>th</sup> Street (60 feet wide), and Newark Street (50 feet wide):

**RIGHT OF WAY DEDICATIONS:**

- **BECOMING PART OF LACOMBE DRIVE**  
BEING PART OF LOTS 18, 19, AND 20 OF BLOCK 22, PART OF LOTS 20 AND 21 OF BLOCK 23 AND PART OF THE VACATED ALLEY ADJACENT TO SAID LOT 20 OF BLOCK 22 AND BLOCK 23, AND PART OF VACATED DALZELLE STREET AND VACATED 16TH STREET, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF LACOMBE DRIVE AND THE WESTERLY LINE OF 15TH STREET; THENCE SOUTH 23 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST, 6.52 FEET; THENCE NORTH 73 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 44 SECONDS WEST, 310.36 FEET; THENCE NORTH 79 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST, 11.22 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 73 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 44 SECONDS EAST, 296.13 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
- **BECOMING PART OF VERNOR HIGHWAY**  
BEING PART OF LOTS 259, 263, 266, 272, 273, 280, PART OF VACATED 17 STREET, AND PART OF THE VACATED ALLEY ADJACENT TO SAID LOTS 273 AND 280 OF PLAT OF SUBDIVISION OF PART OF PRIVATE CLAIM NO. 473 AS RECORDED IN LIBER 47, PAGES 558-559 OF DEEDS, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS, ALSO PART OF LOTS 8 AND 9, OF BLOCK 21 AND PART OF THE VACATED ALLEY ADJACENT TO SAID LOTS 8 AND 9 OF PLAT OF THE FRONT SUBDIVISION OF THE LAFONTAINE FARM, PRIVATE CLAIM NO. 44, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 59, PAGES 154-155 OF DEEDS, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF LACOMBE DRIVE AND THE WESTERLY LINE OF 15TH STREET; THENCE SOUTH 23 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST, 6.52 FEET; THENCE NORTH 73 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 44 SECONDS WEST, 310.36 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 79 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST, 50.46 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 56 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 46 SECONDS WEST, 83.70 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 39 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST, 131.93 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 16 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 31 SECONDS

WEST, 213.55 FEET; THENCE NORTH 73 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 08 SECONDS WEST, 10.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 16 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 31 SECONDS EAST, 260.68 FEET; THENCE NORTH 56 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 33 SECONDS EAST, 96.56 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

STREET VACATIONS:

- VERNOR HIGHWAY VACATION WITH EASEMENT  
BEING PART OF VERNOR HIGHWAY, SOUTH OF LACOMBE DRIVE, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF LACOMBE DRIVE AND THE WESTERLY LINE OF 15TH STREET; THENCE SOUTH 23 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST, 6.52 FEET; THENCE NORTH 73 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 44 SECONDS WEST, 310.36 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 79 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST, 50.46 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SOUTH 56 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 46 SECONDS WEST, 83.70 FEET; THENCE NORTH 39 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST, 94.40 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 73 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST, 35.21 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 56 DEGREES 01 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST, 29.25 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
- VERNOR HIGHWAY VACATION  
BEING PART OF VERNOR HIGHWAY, SOUTH OF LACOMBE DRIVE, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF LACOMBE DRIVE AND THE WESTERLY LINE OF 15TH STREET; THENCE SOUTH 23 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST, 6.52 FEET; THENCE NORTH 73 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 44 SECONDS WEST, 310.36 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 79 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST, 50.46 FEET; THENCE NORTH 56 DEGREES 01 SECOND 46 MINUTES EAST, 29.25 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 73 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST, 26.47 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Refer to the attached detailed sketch for further clarification.

This proposed reconfiguration of the Vernor and Lacombe rights-of-way adjacent to the Michigan Central Station project have been coordinated in detail with the City of Detroit, Department of Public Works, Traffic Engineering Division and General Services Division and the Roosevelt Park Reunification Project and adjusts the rights-of-way to better conform to the road and sidewalk geometries and standards of typical rights-of-way within the City of Detroit.

Giffels Webster has been asked to facilitate the requested right-of-way modifications. We will be working with the City of Detroit's Department of Public Works – Civil Engineering Division, and all stakeholders to achieve vacations that are satisfactory to all interested parties.

The requested right-of-way modifications will neither impede pedestrian and vehicular traffic, nor will it interfere with the maintenance of the public rights-of-way, including utility company and Fire and Police Department access.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mike Marks by phone, at 313.980.1469, or by email, at [mmarks@giffelswebster.com](mailto:mmarks@giffelswebster.com).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Marks".

Michael Marks P.E.,  
Partner  
Giffels Webster