



August 29, 2023

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 for a partial right-of-way vacation of John R, between Madison Ave. and E. Adams Avenue.

Giffels Webster, 28 W. Adams, Suite 1200, Detroit, Michigan 48226 on behalf of the Detroit Athletic Club, 241 Madison Detroit, Michigan, 48226, respectfully requests the following vacation of the public right-of-way:

- The partial vacation with the reservation of a public utility easement of the 60-foot-wide John R Street. This segment of the John R. right-of-way (variable width) is broken up into three segments that bends in the middle, the northern segment (60-foot-wide) aligned northwest/southeast, the middle (variable width) section adjacent to the previously out-right vacated Cross Street (60-foot-wide), and the southern segment (60-foot-wide) is aligned north/south. The vacation is more particularly described as:
  - 1) The northern section includes the vacation with reservation of utility easement of the northeastern 18ft of John R. (60-foot-wide)
  - 2) The middle section includes the vacation with reservation of utility easement of the eastern 18ft of John R. (variable width)
  - 3) The southern section includes the vacation with reservation of utility easement of the eastern 20ft of John R. (60-foot-wide)

It is the intent of the petitioner to leave the western portion of John R's curb, sidewalk, lighting, etc. in place along with 27ft - 30 ft. of the public roadway, only modifying the eastern portion of John R, realigning the curb, lighting, drainage, hydrant, etc. to conform to the new John R. public right of-way alignment. The portion of the proposed vacated John R. will be improved to allow expanded use of the petitioner to aid and support further upgrades to the DAC facilities all subject and in conformance with the public utility easement requirements.

Please refer to the attached sketch and draft schematic design construction plans for further clarification. Also attached are copies of letters of consent to this request from the abutting property owners Olympia Development of Michigan, LLC, 100E. Adams, Parcel 01000288-90, and 327 John R., Parcel 01004062-4 and Grand Valley State University, 163 Madison, Parcel 01000272-4.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (313) 980-1469 or at [mmarks@giffelswebster.com](mailto:mmarks@giffelswebster.com).

Respectfully,

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

Michael W. Marks P.E.,  
Partner  
Giffels Webster