

**BLOOMINGTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
AGENDA**

**June 28, 2023**

**4:30 P.M. –In-person and Virtual Hybrid meeting  
City Hall, Council Chambers**

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- I. Call to Order**
- II. Approval of Minutes**
  - A. April 26, 2023
- III. Communications from Commission**
- IV. Public Comment\***
- V. Reports from Staff**
  - A. College and Walnut Corridor Study
    - i. Steering Committee membership
- VI. Old Business\***
- VII. New Business\***
- VIII. Traffic Inquiries:**
  - A. Alley Traffic Direction Request to Make Alley One-way South – *Ryan Robling, Planning Services Manager*
- IX. Adjournment:**

*Next meeting – July 26, 2023 – City Council Chambers*

*\*Action Requested/Public comment prior to any vote (limited to five minutes per speaker)*

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**MINUTES**  
**April 26, 2023**  
**4:30 P.M. –In-person and Virtual Hybrid meeting**  
**City Hall, Council Chambers**

- I. Call to Order:**  
In-person: Ryterband, Alexander, Cibor, Shadday, Moore, Love  
Virtual: Moloci
- II. Approval of Minutes:**  
A. March 22, 2023  
Motion: Ryterband Second: Alexander  
Approved 7-0
- III. Communications from Commission:**  
Alexander extended an invitation to an event to discuss public engagement related to traffic calming and other related issues.  
Cibor discussed the recent 180-day order to install a stop sign at the 7<sup>th</sup> St. and Dunn St. intersection.  
Ryterband discussed the recent High St. Multiuse path public meeting.
- IV. Public Comment:\***  
None
- V. Reports from Staff:**  
None
- VI. Old Business:\***  
None
- VII. New Business:\***  
A. TC-23-02: Update regarding the intersection of 3rd Street and Overhill Drive, *Neil Kopper, PE, Senior Project Engineer*  
Staff presented. Discussion ensued.  
Public Comment: Dave Askins – Asked about timeline of proposed resurfacing  
No action required.  
B. TC-23-03: Parking Restriction on Wilson Street, *Neil Kopper, PE, Senior Project Engineer*  
Staff presented. Discussion ensued. Motion: Ryterband Second: Cibor.  
Forward to TC-23-03 to Common Council with a positive recommendation. Approved 7-0  
C. TC-23-04: Update regarding parking and striping on Morton Street, *Neil Kopper, PE, Senior Project Engineer*  
Staff presented. Discussion ensued. No action required.

D. TC-23-05: Alley Stop Sign Installation (The intersections of the east-west alley between Kirkwood Avenue and 6th Street at Dunn Street and at Indiana Avenue.) *Neil Kopper, PE, Senior Project Engineer*  
Staff presented. Discussion ensued. Motion: Alexander Second: Ryterband. Forward TC-23-05 to Common Council with a positive recommendation. Approved 7-0

**VIII. Traffic Inquiries:**

Ryterband asked that previously enumerated items be covered at a future Traffic Commission meeting:

- Olive Street one-way. Is it working and are the residents grumbling and going the wrong way up Olive?
- S. Fairview at Dodds had requested a 4-way stop that we denied. They got a sidewalk on the east side and now the hospital and its employees are gone! I assume the children are playing safely.
- W. Kirkwood the alley on the north side just west of Rogers (between 6th and 5th), we denied a resident a stop sign in the alley. I assume there have not been accidents there with people exiting the alley onto Kirkwood.

Shadday: Stoplight/turn lanes at Hillside and Henderson. Poor sightlines on Grimes at the alley/Hillside. Dunn at Hillside and Grimes poor sightlines.

**IX. Adjournment: 5:19**



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**TRAFFIC COMMISSION  
STAFF MEMO**

**Case #:** TC-23-05  
**Date:** June 28, 2023

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**FROM:** Ryan Robling, Planning Services Manager, Planning and Transportation Department

**REGARDING:** Alley Traffic Direction Request to Make Alley One-way South

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**Location:** Alley-Between: S. Lincoln St. & S. Grant St. From E. Third St. A map is included in the packet.

**Background:** The Engineering and Planning & Transportation Departments received a traffic inquiry from a local business located along E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. concerned with public safety for customers accessing the alley south of E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. between S. Lincoln St. and S. Grant St. The inquiry addressed concerns regarding potential risks for drivers turning onto the alley from E. Third St and encountering traffic attempting to go north from a nearby parking lot. The inquiry aims to explore the possibility of implementing southbound one-way traffic along the alley between E. Third St. and the first alley south of E. Third St.

The business proactively reached out to neighboring property owners and received positive feedback from the Boys and Girls Club. Before finalizing a formal resolution, further input will be sought from the adjacent properties.

The business has including some observations and analysis summarized here:

- **Traffic Conflict:** Concerns arise from the possibility of drivers attempting to turn onto the narrow alley from Third Street, only to find themselves partially blocking the road and potentially needing to back up into oncoming traffic. This situation poses safety risks for both drivers and other road users.
- **Comparison:** This alley differs from many others downtown due to its association with two business parking lots, necessitating frequent ingress and egress. Several downtown alleys already have one-way regulations in place. Including this alley between E. Kirkwood Ave. and E. 4<sup>th</sup> St. north of where this request is being made. A map is included below.

**Staff Response:** The Engineering and Planning & Transportation Departments have begun reviewing the request and have a number of potential questions/concerns:

- At what point should a potential one-way alley end?
  - Staff believes the best terminus is the first alley south of W. Third St. however, also have concerns about traffic travelling northbound along the alley continuing all the way to Third St.
- What will traffic do that wants to travel northbound?
  - Staff has found that this is a common issue with low volume one-way alleys.

Staff has expressed concerns regarding the proposal to limit two-way traffic on the alley, considering the benefits that alleys provide in terms of reducing out-of-direction travel. Alleys play a crucial role in supporting connectivity within downtown areas, facilitating efficient

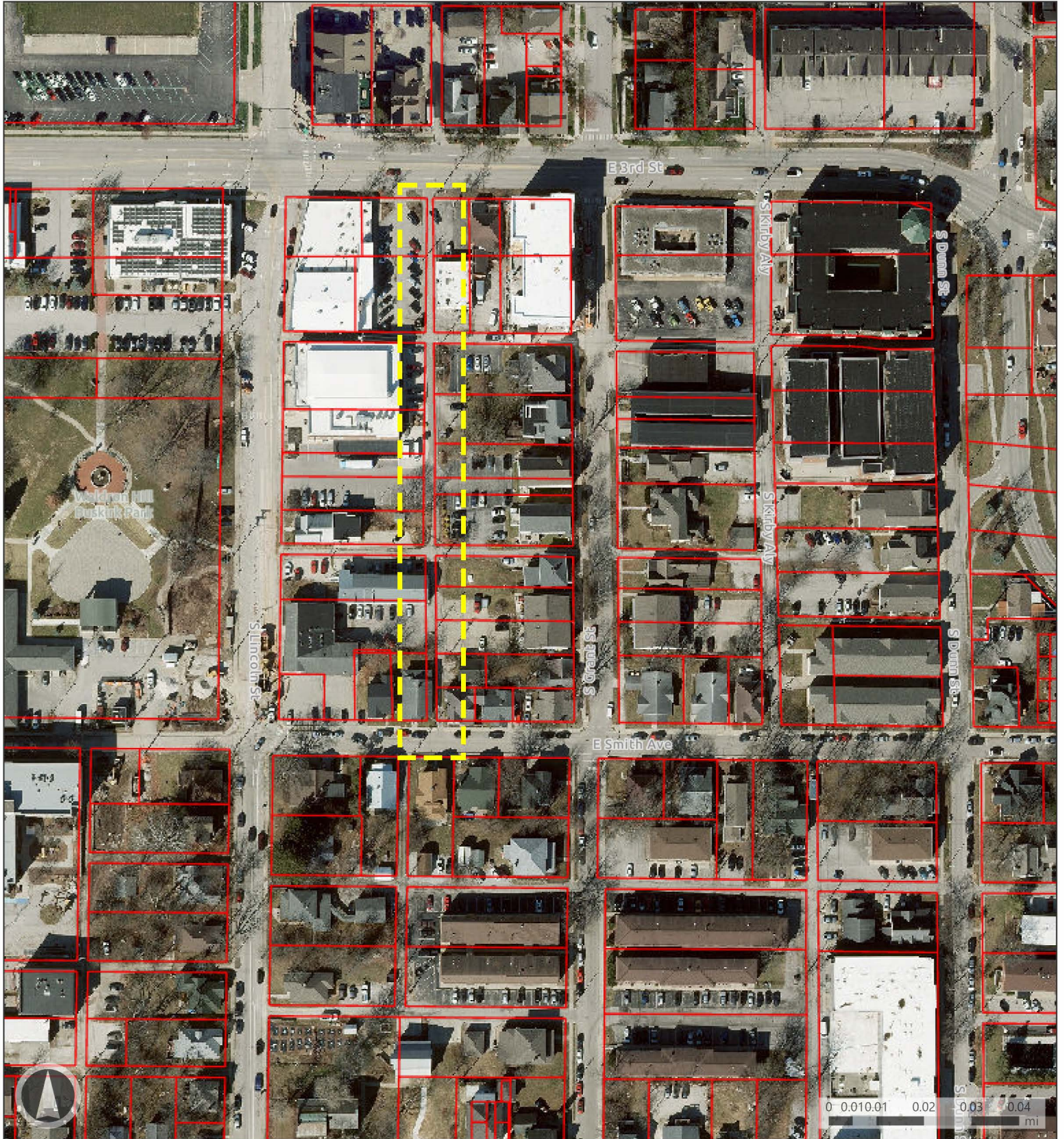


navigation for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. Notably, this specific alley runs parallel to S. Lincoln St., which operates as a one-way street. Limiting the number of directions for traffic flow in the alley could potentially impact overall connectivity and accessibility.

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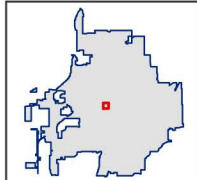
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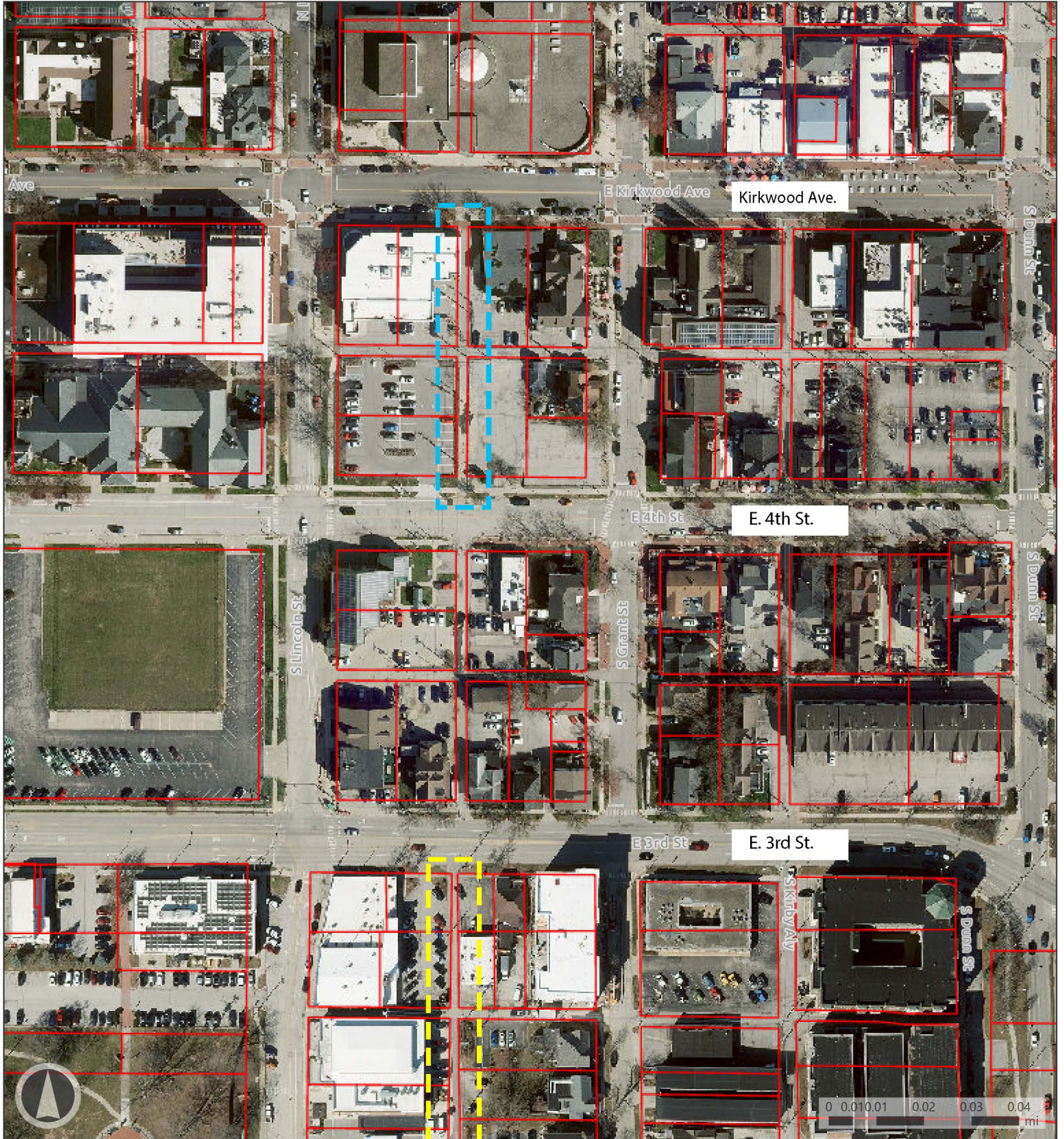
Staff requests that the Traffic Commission identify if this traffic inquiry needs further analysis before a future case can be heard. The specific types of data and information that the Traffic Commission would like to review, as well as any possible solutions to conserved, are also requested by staff.



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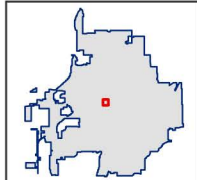
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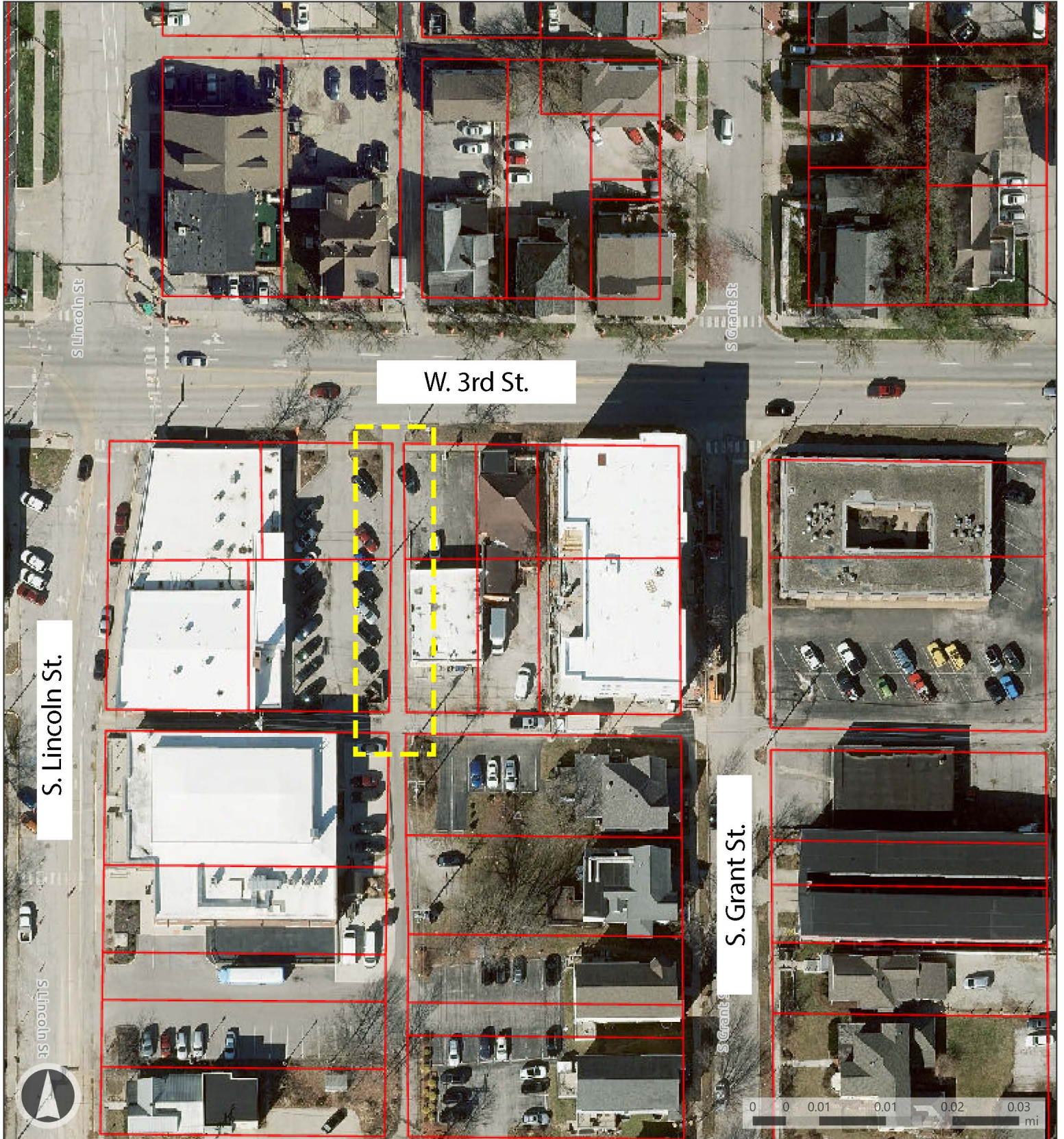




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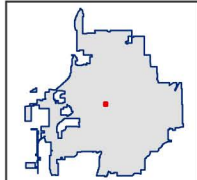
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Looking south to the alley from the north side of E. Third St.



Looking north to E. Third St. from the alley



The intersection of the alley and the first alley south of E. Third St.



Looking east on the first alley south of E. Third St.



Looking south down the alley from the intersection of the alley and the first alley south of E. Third St.