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To: Public Infrastructure Committee
Public Safety Committee

From: Jim Muenzenmeyer, Buildings and Grounds / Transit Division Manager JM

Re: Bus Stop serving Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

Late last year the Public Infrastructure Committee instructed me to install a bus stop on Michigan Avenue that would directly serve the recently re-located ADRC. In order to do so, I requested through the Public Safety Committee that parking restrictions be added to east side of North 17th Street between Michigan Ave and New York Ave. (North 17th Street is too narrow to allow parking on both sides of the road plus allow our buses to safely travel at the same time.)

Members of the N. 17th neighborhood showed up in sufficient numbers to persuade the Public Safety Committee and ultimately the full Common Council to deny the request to limit parking on the east side of N. 17th in the area described above. Without the parking restriction, our ability to directly serve the ADRC is basically eliminated. I told the Public Property Committee that I would have a recommendation within 30 days to best serve not only the ADRC, but also the entire Route 6 Service Area.

Route 6, at 10.2 miles, is by far our longest 30 minute route. Because of this, we cannot afford to deviate too much or we'll cause issues that cascade onto our other routes. My recommendation is continue serving the ADRC from the southwest corner of N.17th and Wisconsin Avenue. The resulting one block walk to the ADRC is relatively short and there are sufficient curb cuts where necessary for mobility devices to easily reach the facility. I have also requested our DPW paint cross walk lines and install proper crosswalk signage at Michigan and N. 17th street to facilitate safe crossings. I will continue to monitor this route, along with all of them, for increased efficiencies and improvements.

cc. Dan Koski, Director of Public Infrastructure.