

Amber Noworatzky

From: Bill Schlei
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 11:01 AM
To: Amber Noworatzky; Steven Czekala - D9
Subject: Fwd: Re: External: 35th Street and Dewey St

Amber,

Per Alder Czekala's request, can we please add this to our Dec agenda .

Thank you.

Bill Schlei

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On Nov 16, 2021, at 10:25 AM, Steven Czekala - D9 <sczekala@manitowoc.org> wrote:

Good Morning Julie,

I appreciate you reaching out to me with your concerns. I am including Alder Bill Schlei on this reply with a request that he add this to the next Public Safety agenda. Alder Schlei is the Chairman of the Public Safety Committee which addresses concerns like yours.

Thanks,
Steve

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On Nov 16, 2021, at 5:12 AM, William Place <wplace2413@yahoo.com> wrote:

Mr. Czekala:

I live in your district and am writing to you with concerns about the intersection of 35th Street and Dewey St. My neighbor, Carol Chermak, and I over the years have voiced concern to the City about this intersection. Granted they have added a pedestrian crossing sign several years ago however the difficulty of crossing this street still is a concern and safety issue. The police department has suggested contacting our alderman and safety committee. We are hoping you bring this concern forward.

This is a busy street. We have several thriving manufacturing businesses in this area with a lot of semi and heavy trucks. There are clinics, the DMV, a busy vet, a very busy grocery store and gas station

down the block, not to mention Walmart. The street is busy from 5-530AM to evening and especially busy during the day hours when sometimes it takes you 5 minutes to cross with a car. Even with the push button pedestrian sign it is dangerous to cross at this intersection. Cars don't stop for it and when they do you still need to be careful as the car behind is coming around them to get through. Add to this that cars trying to turn onto Dewey Street are looking at the cars coming and not necessarily the pedestrian. There has been many times where I have been almost hit or standing in the middle of Dewey Street with my dog with cars going in front and behind us not letting us cross. I wear a yellow high visibility jacket/coat when I walk so it is not like they can not see me. And just recently Carol was within inches of getting hit by a guy making a left off of 35th Street and said he did not see her. She was visibly shaken and at least he pulled into the clinic and asked if she was okay. This is not the first time this has happened.

Now we are adding a Girls and Boys club to this intersection which more than likely will increase the amount of traffic for both pedestrian and car. It is a concern for these kids if they are walking or riding their bikes to get to this establishment.

We don't know what can or will be done to make this intersection safer for both cars and pedestrians and quite frankly I am surprised that more accidents have not happened. Carol and I do have some suggestions however for you to consider. We know already from being told that more than likely a stop light will not go up here although it is sorely needed and are suggesting this again. The push button pedestrian sign is inadequate. It only has two yellow blinking lights where others around town have LED lights all around the sign. A more visible larger sign may be a better idea. Look at placement of this sign maybe before the cross walks on both sides is better as well. Trying to sync the traffic lights on 31st/Dewey and the ones by Culvers so that there is traffic both ways instead of traffic from the east and then waiting for traffic from the west and then again from the east. This waiting for a break in traffic makes people impatient and they don't see that the pedestrian light is on with someone walking across the street when a chance to make it across finally happens. The speed limit is 35 so you know cars are going 40 or faster. Is reducing the speed limit a possibility?

We are asking you to bring this concern to the safety committee for some consideration before something terrible happens.

Thank you,

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