

Amber Noworatzky

From: Greg Minikel
Sent: Friday, May 08, 2020 2:41 PM
To: Nick Reimer; Amber Noworatzky; Dan Koski
Subject: RE: Citizen Request

Nick,

I just drove this area after lunch. Can you remember if there used to be a 4-Way Stop at S. 16th St.?? I thought that when Santa's Best was in full operation, we may have had a 4-way stop sign there.

There is a pretty good hill from the west so if you are eastbound on Hamilton St. it would be easy to get going fast.

I could probably support doing a 4-way stop at S. 16th, if the Committee really feels the need to do a stop sign, although this still is probably going against the do not use stop signs to attempt to control speed.

From: Nick Reimer
Sent: Friday, May 08, 2020 1:26 PM
To: Greg Minikel; Amber Noworatzky; Dan Koski
Subject: RE: Citizen Request

Thanks Greg. I think this information should be added so hopefully Amber can do that Monday.

Nick

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From: Greg Minikel
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 12:12 PM
To: Amber Noworatzky; Dan Koski; Nick Reimer
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Nick and Amber:

Here are my thoughts and recommendations. You could add this information to the attachments if you want.

We would have to check records, but I do not remember stop signs being at every intersection along Hamilton St. Not sure this even matters at all.

There used to be Yield Signs on almost every north/south numbered street.

We changed all of those Yield signs to Stop signs in 2009. This change was made because motorists were not slowing down and yielding like they should have been. So, the Committee and Council felt it was safer to install the stop signs.

However, by changing all of the Yield signs to Stop signs, the average speed on Hamilton St. may have increased slightly.

Traffic on Hamilton St. is already required to Stop at S. 10th St., S. 14th St. and S. 21st St. So, there are already stop signs along Hamilton St.

I do not believe that I would support or recommend stop signs on Hamilton St. at South 16th and/or South 17th St.

Stop signs should not be used for speeding problems or other neighborhood reasons. Stop signs are used to assign who has the Right of Way.

I am all for the safety of the kids and all pedestrians (and pets as well), but I do not believe that the stop sign is the appropriate solution in this case.

Another option that should be seriously considered would be to install a small traffic circle or roundabout in the middle of one of these intersections. Just a simple diversion to make traffic slow down and go around an island.

Another option would be to install some bump-outs like we are currently doing at S. 8th and Quay St. This would reduce the distance for pedestrians to cross the street and narrows up the roadway at the intersection, which generally slows down traffic just by their design.

I would like to see us try one of these other options someday in lieu of simply putting up stop signs every time there is a complaint or an incident.

From: Amber Noworatzky
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 7:14 AM
To: Greg Minikel; Dan Koski
Subject: FW: Citizen Request

FYI – in case the committee would ask for a recommendation.



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From: Nick Reimer <nreimer@manitowoc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 1:58 PM
To: Amber Noworatzky <anoworatzky@manitowoc.org>
Subject: FW: Citizen Request

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From: Scott McMeans - D2
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 12:37 PM
To: Todd Lotz
Cc: Justin Nickels; Nick Reimer
Subject: Re: Citizen Request

I agree this is a good topic and considering the additional feedback from Alder Lotz worth a committee discussion.

Scott

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 21, 2020, at 12:00 PM, Todd Lotz <tlotz@manitowoc.org> wrote:

Thanks Mr. Mayor for this concern- she is correct in this area and with the concern itself. I do not mean to be judgmental regarding the people who live in this area she is talking about, but many of the people are very transient in nature(temporary residents) as well as not being concerned about their surroundings and that of others on those East and westbound side streets of Hamilton, Madison, Columbus etc.

I have several past experiences of heading north and south on S. 16th, and being t-boned by another east/westbound driver heading fast and not stopping.

Drivers most often are going way too fast for the area with the amount of little children that are playing near the streets, and are not always aware of them due to all the other vehicles parked in the streets- kids, animals darting in and out. Even on Division Street and S. 16th which is a major 4 stop intersection, there are many motorists who use this as a drag way running the stop sign heading east/west on Division!

I would agree We do need some increased enforcement of this general area, and should include this on the May agenda for Public Safety. I will take care of contacting Cynthia.

Respectfully,
Todd

Todd R. Lotz
City of Manitowoc
Alderman, District 7

On Apr 21, 2020, at 10:44 AM, Justin Nickels <jnickels@manitowoc.org> wrote:

Received this on Facebook over the weekend from a Cynthia Bubolz

Hello, I did not know how to get a hold of you, but I live between 16th and 17th St of Hamilton St. I have lived here for 30 years and loved every minute. When I moved in there were stop signs on every intercection, since then the stop signs have been taken out. People realized after a while that oh look, no stop signs now we can take Hamilton St. because there is no stopping. I do

not sleep well, so I see all the vehicles go up and down the road, and 25 miles an hour has been pushed aside and it is now a race way, I counted 6 vehicles between 4 am-6am speeding and I don't mean 30-40, I mean fast. Unfortunately this weekend (April 18th) there was a death on the road, a beautiful young dog, the car was going so fast it sounded like 2 cars hitting. They hit the dog and then ran over it as it was tubling several times under the car! Of course they did not stop! Now there are a lot of small children, and children with special needs in this block and around the neighborhood , how did that car know it did not hit a child. So after my rant, something needs to be done before there is a worse accident than that poor dog! The next time it could be a child. Today they put up a walk sign in the road that did nothing but blow around the road. I beg you please do something about this, I could not handle seeing someones child killed by the speeders on Hamilton St.

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