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Dear Chairperson Able and Members of the Public Safety Committee:

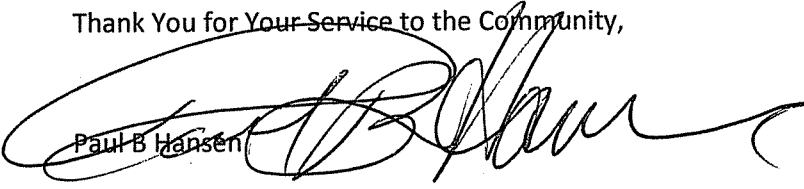
Just a note of concern with the increase semi-trailer truck traffic on Huron Street and Michigan Avenue. Though these streets are not designated a "truck route" or Heavy Traffic Route, there has been an increase in eighteen wheeler traffic of all kinds. Recently, on two occasions, two different large semi-trailers were seen taking the route from Huron to County Trunk R through the narrow road past Manito Park. There was no delivery stop made by either semi-trailer.

Furthermore, semi-trailers servicing the Manitowoc Public Utilities have used the Michigan/Huron corridor from North 18th Street to MPU instead of using designated "truck" routes. Perhaps in our Garmin/iPhone/ Google maps world "Heavy Traffic Routes" are not communicated.

I am not sure if the City of Manitowoc still has the special assessment formula used for property owners when streets are reconstructed, and if different construction standards are used for the Heavy Traffic Routes because of the wear and tear of heavy loads, but if so it is unfair to the residence on Huron Street, to have a newly constructed roadway and not be given the discounts of a Heavy Traffic Route assessment. Additionally, the blacktop patch between the old and new construction on Michigan and Huron will not hold up the heavy loads of the semi-trailers.

I think simple signage, with phrasing and location decided by in-house staff, could cut down on the issue. Trucks traveling 30 to 35 miles an hour on the narrower neighborhood streets is not safe. Please consider this request to solve this issue.

Thank You for Your Service to the Community,


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