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From: Greg Minikel
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 9:33 AM
To: 'Rick Redeker'
Cc: Dan Koski; Mark DeZeeuw; Nick Reimer
Subject: RE: External: Safety Concern - S. 18th St. by WAF

Rick,

I will try to look into this more in the next couple weeks.

I would probably agree that some parking should be removed to improve visibility for the pedestrians.

We will also have to get a new cost proposal for the LED Pedestrian crossing signage as well and just cost it out with the standard pedestrian push buttons like S. 16th St.

Not sure if we will be ready for an action item at the August Public Safety Committee meeting but we can try and if not hopefully we have everything we need by the September meeting.

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Greg,

Knowing how things go here the F.O.B.s won't be the answer. Too many operators involved and a lack of confidence they will use the F.O.B. at all. There are more pedestrians than anything at this point so we would like to just run a pedestrian crosswalk comparable to 16th street facing both directions. Certainly no easy solution to this area, but I need to do something so we show we are trying.

Also, not that we can afford to lose parking spaces but if we can make the closest space to the doors No Parking that would give us some visibility when they run out of the plant.

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Hi Rick,

Here is the 2nd thought that we had on this issue.

Here is a quote we got back in early 2022. See if this is something that might work for this situation. We would have to get a revised quote as I am sure the costs have gone up like everything else.

The cost will be more than \$10,000, but other than this option, I am not sure what else to do or recommend.

We probably should meet out there sometime to look at where these signs should be placed if that is the direction you want to go.

If we move forward with this, then it would go back to the Public Safety Committee at some point and we would also draft an agreement for WAF to sign that they will pay for the cost of the work and some future maintenance costs (batteries mainly).

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See the attached e-mail from Mark DeZeeuw.

He obtained a quote from TAPCO to install 3 flashing LED signs (solar powered with batteries) with a Fork Lift shown on the sign face and with 3 wireless key fob transmitters that would be activated by the fork lift driver.

This is our best recommendation at this time, but it is at a cost of \$10,000 plus.

My only other concern at the moment is exactly where the 2 signs south of the forklift crossing would be installed.

Should they go north or south of the railroad tracks. We may need permission from the Railroad to put them anywhere near the tracks.

In addition, it is almost all driveways out here and no barrier (6" high) curb to protect the signs and sign posts.

I think that to just have a LED flashing sign that would be constantly flashing 24/7/365 would end up being very ineffective over time.

I guess we can discuss all of this further at the next P.S. Committee meeting on March 14th.

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Hello Greg,

This was tabled so that we could put some ideas together while working with WAF to see what will work. WAF came to the meeting open to many options. I don't think they are as worried about pedestrian traffic as they are worried about vehicles turning off of Franklin St. NB onto S. 18th st and meeting a forklift trying to cross the road.

FYI,
Nick

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Liz,

If WAF is willing to pay for them, I guess that could work as well.

My only concern would be activating the lights. Pedestrians can or usually hit a push button, but how would the guy on a fork lift trigger the lighted sign?? There are other options, but those would increase the cost.

Could just have them flashing 24/7, but that is not as effective.

See the attached brochure from TAPCO.

There is a thermal detection or infrared detection, but I have no idea how much the additional cost would be for these other detection methods.

I believe that each LED sign (solar with batteries) with push button activation ran around \$2,000/Ea. Back in 2016. I would think the current cost is even higher.

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Thanks Greg. Would you support another electronic sign like they have on 16th along similar contract terms?

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Nick,

Here is my recommendation for the request for signage on S. 18th St. north of Franklin St. for the WAF fork lift crossing.

I have attached some photos I took today as well as typical MUTCD warning signs.

I think that we should install a yellow and black warning sign that either shows a picture of a Fork Lift if our traffic control/sign person can create it (similar to the golf cart W11-11) or make a Sign that would say Fork Lift Crossing similar to the Truck Crossing sign shown (W8-6). I would think we would use 30" by 30" signs.

One sign could be mounted to MPU Pole number 1H-3589 and the other on a new sign post in front of 818 South 18th St. which is about 250 feet north of the fork lift crossing.

I know that the sign on the wood utility pole is not very far from the actual crossing, but I do not know how you would put up signs on Franklin St. to show the fork lift crossing on the side street.

I believe it was the westbound right hand turn off of Franklin St. that is the issue or any turns off of Franklin St.

If the Committee does not like the 1st recommendation, I suppose you could install normal pedestrian crossing signs right at the concrete crossing. We could also look at painting a white line on both sides of the crossing similar to a crosswalk, but I am not sure how much that will help as the pavement is lower than the tracks so it may be hard to see. In this case, I think that signage will be more visible than any pavement markings.

After re-reading the original e-mail again, I see that they also have employees crossing there as well. I thought it was just fork lifts with an operator, hence my first recommendation.

If the Committee is more comfortable with Pedestrian Crossing Signs I am fine with that too I guess. However, if the pedestrian crossing signs go up then it probably would make sense to also put down pavement markings.

The cost of the work should probably be the responsibility of WAF as they were the ones who wanted and needed this crossing.

The 2 signs would have a cost of \$400 plus or minus. Pavement Markings could be done by City Staff as well at a cost of \$100 to \$200. I would think that total cost would be in the range of \$400 to \$700.

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Subject: RE: External: Safety Concern

Hi Everyone,

I spoke with Pete Ullmer of WAF and I ask that this discussion item be added to the 2/14 meeting agenda: Discussion regarding pedestrian crossing signage on 18th St near WAF.

WAF is open to the City's suggestions for how best to ensure pedestrian and forklift operator safety including standard signage, lighted signage and/or flashing lights on their buildings when a garage door is opened. I suggested that PS would be the best venue for this sort of brainstorming. Pete will attend and maybe someone else from WAF. Once we have approval to add this to the agenda, I'll let him know so that he can plan for the meeting.

Greg- he also said that the lighted pedestrian sign on 16th street is broken. The lights don't activate when the button is pushed. The 2016 agreement notes that WAF will pay for annual maintenance fees and that WAF shall not perform any maintenance but shall request maintenance from DPI. Replacement or repairs are WAF's financial responsibility but the City's performance responsibility. Can this be put on a crew's work list to inspect and resolve?

Thanks,
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Will do. It may be a PS issue. I mistyped. Either way, I'll contact him now and report back.

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Liz,

Thank you for your quick response. Mr. Ulmer was sent to me as I believe whoever sent him through it was a PS issue to discuss. If you are willing to confirm details and work with PI I would appreciate it.

Thank you,

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Thanks for looping me in. The MOU covers the concrete installation and maintenance but doesn't address signage. I agree that WAF should probably pay the costs associated with any signs they desire and that they'd probably want some type of flashing sign over a simple, metal one. Ultimately, this will be a PI decision. Would you like me to contact Mr. Ullmer to find out exactly what he envisions for this issue or would someone else like to?

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There was a MOU for this crossing. See attached e-mail string. I am not sure that this is the final document that went to Council but it was close.

I am not sure that we loved the idea of the forklift crossing the road, but this is what they wanted and we found a way to allow it and now that there are some issues and the City is supposed to take care of it.

I guess we could put up signs, but I think that they should be paying for them, correct??

I guess this is truly an issue for the PS Committee to decide what should be done and who pays.

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See the below email from Peter Ulmer from WAF. Please let me know of any recommendations and if you would like this item added to the February PS agenda.

Thank you,

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Subject: External: Safety Concern

Greetings Amber,

I sincerely appreciate your return telephone call regarding a safety concern of ours.

We have a small storage facility on 18th Street near 18th Street and Franklin Street. We have pedestrian and forklift traffic between the storage facility and our main plant.

There have been near misses with traffic coming off Franklin Street turning onto 18th Street while our employees are traveling between those two facilities.

Would it be possible for the city to install signage indicating pedestrian traffic and slow down while proceeding?

If you have any questions about this information, contact me.

Thank you,

Stay strong, stay safe, and have a productive day!



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