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To: 'Ed Vander Bloomen'
Cc: Nick Reimer; Patricia Heidorf; Christopher Able - D3
Subject: RE: Pedestrian Warning Lights
Attachments: Justin M Nickels.vcf

Ed,

Thanks for contacting me.

I will ask that this request be placed on the next Public Safety Committee agenda for discussion.

Alderman Able, would you be willing to add this? Also, Patti please follow up with Mr. Vander Bloomen when the meeting is.

Thank you!

- Justin

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From: Ed Vander Bloomen [<mailto:ednoreen@gmail.com>]
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To: Mayor Nickels
Subject: Pedestrian Warning Lights

Hello Mayor Nickels:

Back in mid-November 2016, I read the Lakeshore Update in the Herald Times reporter indicating that pedestrian warning lights have been recently installed at the intersection of North Ninth and Waldo Blvd. While I firmly believe that that action by the City was a necessary move on its part as it involves a very active/busy

intersection in the immediate are of Woodrow Wilson Jr. High School. Kudos to the City.

However, living on the southeast corner of S. 23rd and Dewey Streets, I constantly see street-crossers and students on their way to and from Washington Jr. High School literally running for their lives just trying to cross to the other side! Unlike the crossing at North Ninth Street and Waldo Blvd., street-crossers and students have to contend with a posted 35 m.p.h. speed limit. The unfortunate reality is that very few motorists actually travel the posted speed limit where the speeds are, in most cases, 40 m.p.h. to 45 m.p.h. While few if any motorists attempt to stop and allow street-crossers and students their right-of-way opportunity to safely cross, Dewey presents an even bigger safety problem because of its multiple lanes. If a motorist does happen to stop and allow street-crosser and students their right-of-way opportunity to safely cross Dewey Street more often than not a motorist driving in the same in the same direction but in a parallel lane will not slow down or stop causing street-crossers or students to run back to their starting point to avoid getting struck by that vehicle. And by running back to their starting point causes the street-crossers or students run in front of traffic coming from the other direction.

Both hearing and seeing first hand what these crossers have to endure at this intersections is not only ludicrous but it is also an personal injury accident or fatality waiting to happen. It is not longer a matter of if a personal injury accident or fatality will occur, but it's more of a matter of when it will occur.

I also realize that while the Dewey Street reconstruction project (S. 26th to S. 10th Street) is one that is off well into the future due to funding, the City has a unique opportunity to spend the necessary funds to install pedestrian warning lights at this wild and crazy intersection. It is far better to invest in the safety of street-crossers

and students now that it is to wait before someone sets seriously injured or killed.

Thank you for your time and I seriously hope that you refer this matter on the next agenda of the appropriate committee for action. I am available to appear before you or any committee that would like to personally hear from me.

Sincerely,

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