

From: Scott McMeans - D2 <smcmeans@manitowoc.org>

Date: December 2, 2015 at 6:11:58 AM CST

To: Christopher Able - D3 <cable@manitowoc.org>

Cc: "Tony Dick" <odick@manitowoc.org>

Subject: Crosswalk on Waldo and 9th street

Alderman Able,

I am requesting an agenda item at your next Public Safety meeting to address the crosswalk located on Waldo and 9th street. I have done a lot of thinking about this area after the recent incident involving the school bus and child and would like to bring forward a recommendation to eliminate crossing at this location.

While my recommendation should not be viewed as pointing any fault of those involved in that incident, that is a separate matter, rather it is coming forward due to the extreme congestion that I have witnessed over the past year in traveling that route in the morning.

There is, in my opinion, an extreme opportunity in that location for multiple incidents to occur and removing pedestrians from the equation can only help to improve the safety of this location. Currently traffic that is traveling from north and south 8th streets are merging onto Waldo, many times crossing, within in a few hundred feet of a crosswalk, intersection. In addition to this traffic you have people leaving Wilson from 9th street onto Waldo and people turning north from Waldo onto 9th street. Giving pedestrians the opportunity to cross in that location just adds to what I see as chaos. Many times I see pedestrians that have crossed the east lanes of Waldo waiting for traffic heading west to clear or stop (sometimes they do and sometimes they don't).

I would be glad to give more of my explanation for this recommendation and discuss alternative routes for pedestrians to safely cross Waldo Blvd at your next meeting.

Alderman Scott McMeans

Sent from my iPad