

Date: February 23, 2023
To: City Council Members
From: Ronna Alexander and Water Street Residents
RE: Water Street Workshop Follow Up

To Douglas City Council Members,

Thank you for making the time to hold the workshop on February 21, 2023 to brainstorm ideas that would help mitigate ongoing safety concerns along Water Street. As long time residents, we are grateful for the attention and input and hopeful for action prior to the upcoming tourist season.

We have taken the time to connect with other residents on Water Street to get input on ideas that were suggested at Tuesday's workshop. We thought it would be most efficient to offer a prioritized list of short and long term solutions based on our experiences living day to day with this problem that were synthesized from everyone's input at the workshop. Some would be relatively easy changes, the longer term, would surely require a harder look and discussion around feasibility.

SHORT TERM

1. Effective Signage:

- * Place 2 permanent solar, illuminated 'on-approach' speed signs on Water Street. One located going north on Water Street between 265 and 271 Water Street, the second, heading south where there is one currently located.

- * Sign Removal - Given that there are currently 7 signs on 6/10ths of a mile of road indicating a 25MPH speed limit, remove 3 of them currently placed in front of South & Water Street, in front of 271 Water Street and at 344 Water Street.

- * Replace current crashing cars sign going south bound with a 'Dangerous Curve Ahead' sign, perhaps farther north than it is currently located so there is time for drivers to prepare.

2. Weight and length limit for trucks - post sign at Wiley/Water. Allow for recycling/garbage and delivery truck exceptions.

3. Agree to have lines painted when worn in spring and pucks installed by April 15 or as weather allows each year.

LONG TERM

1. Asphalt walk way / improved shoulder
2. Increase Wiley to 30 MPH
3. Add traffic light or roundabout to Wiley/Blue Star and another at Blue Star/Main

Those residents that have contributed to and are in support of this prioritized list have been noted below our signature. We are all looking forward to the follow-up workshop once the City Engineers have a chance to propose a way forward.

Thank you for your continuing partnership on this to make our street safer for everyone!



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