

To: Mayor and City Council
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Subject: 8th St NE Crosswalk
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I would like to talk about the beginning of this project. As you know my child goes to Wings. Last year we biked a couple of times and walked. Even though the sidewalk does not even go from my house to the park, this intersection was still my biggest issue. The diagonal crosswalk was over 100 feet. This crosswalk was not conducive to pedestrians or motorist. With this issue, I spoke with Public Works Department, and we went through several renditions. The new design takes the crosswalk from over 100 feet to 25 feet.

- Cones
 - Positive
 - Cheap
 - Movable
 - Readily available
 - Not the most expensive option
 - Won't damage a car
 - Cons
 - Will be in the creek within one night
 - Won't stop much of anyone or anything
 - Will have to be reposition weekly if moved or struck

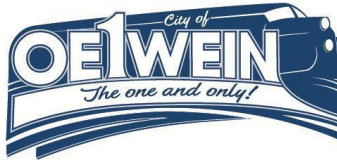


- Cement barriers from manats
 - Positive
 - Readily available
 - Not the most expensive option
 - Completely stop a car from striking a person or child
 - Removable
 - Negatives
 - Would ruin any car that comes in contact
 - Excessive
 - Would make the west path narrow for bicycle traffic
 - While removable, takes considerable staff time to stage and remove
 - Does not follow any type of traffic regulation

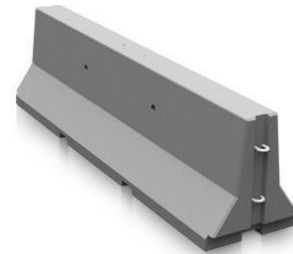


- Crowd control fencing
 - Positive
 - Cost \$3,594.64
 - Very visible
 - Removable
 - Negatives
 - Won't stop much





- Can be moved and thrown into the creek
- Will need to be replaced when broken
- Plastic Jersey Barrier
 - Positives
 - Highly visible
 - Removable
 - Can be customized
 - Stop or delay a car
 - Negatives
 - Must be filled with water or a non-freezable liquid
 - Breakable
 - Sun fade appearance
- Cement Jersey barriers
 - Positive
 - Will stop a car
 - Removable
 - Safest option for pedestrians
 - MUTCD compliant
 - Negatives
 - Expensive \$15,000-\$20,000
 - Will ruin most vehicles
 - While removable, takes considerable staff time to stage and remove
- Road Delineator Post
 - Positive
 - Cost \$2,164.76
 - Removable
 - Easily replaceable
 - Cons
 - Won't stop much physically
 - Most likely to get damaged
 - Continued maintenance
- Park Stops (chosen option)
 - Positive
 - Cheap, under \$2,000
 - Removable
 - Creates a walking lane
 - Cons
 - Low visibility
 - Won't necessarily stop a car

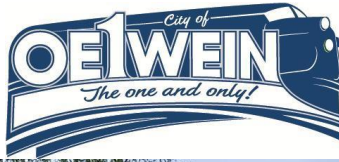




- Reconstruction of the road to include a crosswalk and bridge sidewalk
 - Positive
 - Safest for motorist and pedestrians
 - Permanent solution
 - Cons
 - \$100,000
 - It will never be a high enough priority compared to other street projects

With all of that being laid out I want to make sure that the city council sees the work and thought process that went into creating this new, and potentially temporary crosswalk. Was there a major problem that needed fixed, no. Was there an issue that could use a temporary fix, yes. Staff is trying something to see if it works, this is what we should do in our organization.





City Hall sent out letters to residents and the responses are as follows: