

DPW – Street/Solid Waste Division

To: Alderperson Davis and Committee Members

From: Stacy Winkelman

Date: March 25, 2026

Subject: Request for Flashing Pedestrian Sign

Background

I received a request from Lincoln Elementary School for a flashing pedestrian crossing sign at N. Church Street and Cady Street. This would be on the northwest side of the intersection for southbound traffic. There is currently a standard pedestrian crossing sign at this location. Attached to this memo is the email I received from the Principal of Lincoln Elementary School.

Budget Goal

Traffic Control Repairs Account #01-54-24-20

Financial Impact

These signs are approximately \$1,100.00 each

Recommendation

Citizen safety is always a top priority and concern. If the Committee recommends, we could afford to put this sign up. Other options include adding a pedestrian crossing sign ahead sign between Rock Street and Cady Street to give motorists an added warning. There are also some issues with the trees around the current sign, and I will work with the Forestry Department on cleaning that up no matter what sign is placed or remains at this intersection.

2026 Operational Goals

Present a budget that:

1. Create a community where all can feel safe and strive for economic success.
2. Involve those who are impacted before making decisions.

Dear Public Safety and Welfare Committee,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to kindly request your consideration of adding a pedestrian crosswalk sign with flashing lights at the intersection of N Church Street and Cady.

Currently, elementary-age students from various schools cross at this location, and while there are existing pedestrian signs, the addition of flashing lights would greatly enhance their safety, especially when crossing guards are not present. We have students as young as 8 navigating this busy intersection, and the added visibility would provide an important safety measure for our community's children.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. Your support in keeping our students safe is greatly appreciated.

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