



Public Works Agenda Item

Meeting Date:	October 8, 2024
Agenda Item:	W Main Street Pedestrians
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BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

At a recent Common Council meeting this item was asked to be on an upcoming agenda for discussion. The area in question is mainly adjacent to the University between Prince Street and Prairie Street. Students will sometimes cross mid-block, not using the traffic signals at Prince St, Whiton St, or Prairie St, or the pedestrian crossing at Cottage St.

To deter students from crossing mid-block, some sort of deterrent would need to be installed, such as a fence. In Main Street's current lane configuration, the fence would need to be placed immediately behind the curb to have any deterrent, otherwise students could still cut across and walk on the terrace instead of the sidewalk. And the fence would need to be placed on the north side of the street. The location of immediately behind the curb would impede snow plowing operations.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff's recommendation is to do nothing at this time to deter the mid-block crossings.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

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