



Council Agenda Item

Meeting Date: October 15, 2024

Agenda Item: Staff Update Main Street Mid-Block Ped Crossing

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BACKGROUND

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

The Public Works Committee discussed pedestrians crossing W. Main Street not at designated crosswalks, mainly between Prince Street and Prairie Street, which is the area adjacent to the University campus. To deter pedestrians from crossing mid-block, some sort of deterrent would need to be installed such as a fence or wall. Due to the number of driveways on the south side, anything constructed would have to be on the north side of the street. Any deterrent would need to be placed immediately behind or close to the curb to avoid pedestrians being able to cross and walk on the terrace. This location of a deterrent would impede snowplowing operations with snow not being able to be plowed up onto the terrace. Committee members also pointed out that it would inhibit people from sitting along the north side of the street during parades. It was also mentioned that when someone does cross mid-block, they seem to be more alert to vehicles and crossing when there is ample room, compared to pedestrians who sometimes step out into a marked crosswalk without looking.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

The Committee members present decided no action was warranted at this time.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

N/A

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

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