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Thank you, I appreciate it!

On Tue, Jul 28, 2026, 9:17 AM Schippa, Jerry <JSchippa@cityofmadison.com> wrote:

Nicholas,

Apologies for dropping the ball here, it looks like a work order for the bike detector at International & Anderson was not written. For the time being we'll place a recall for Anderson and get that going. There is still the same detector at Packers & International, but we'll check on that to make sure it's working.

For crossing SB International to EB Anderson, there is no bike turn box here, so you'd have to make a right, go around the concrete island and align yourself in the lane where we have detection zones beneath the pavement. Some changes were made to both of those detectors to better pick up bikes, so this should work better now. See the image below for detection placement (yellow hatched area) on the TASC approach.



Thanks,



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Subject: Re: Bike detection at Packers & International and International & Anderson

Hi Jerry,

The same thing occurred today. It was not safe to cross from the westbound bike lane on International across two occupied travel lanes to reach the left turn lane onto Anderson, so I pulled into the TASC driveway to wait for the green...and the green never came. There was no way for me to request a green, either. I was stuck.

As a layperson, it seems like the options to solve this problem would be:

- * Detection on the TASC driveway
- * Recalling the southbound TASC/Anderson approach
- * Give the northbound and southbound approaches green at the same time, rather than a green arrow (northbound left turns would occasionally have to yield)
- * Add a beg button somewhere to at least have *some way* to request a southbound green

Can you let me know what steps will be taken and when?

Since this is a safety issue that I notified you all about, as of 3 years ago now, and thought was already resolved, I would also be interested to hear how the decision was made to undo the earlier solution to this.

Thanks!

Nick Davies

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On Fri, Jul 7, 2023 at 8:36 AM Schippa, Jerry <JSchippa@cityofmadison.com> wrote:

Nick,

The bike lane on International at Packers has a bike detector in the lane about 20 feet back from the stop bar. This will call the green for that signal. The WB direction requires using the crosswalk on the north side.

The intersection of International & Anderson as you pointed out does not have a detector in the bike lane. We'll add this to our list of intersections to add bicycle detection to (hopefully this summer). In the meantime, we've recalled the Anderson Street approach so you'll at least be guaranteed a green.

Let us know if you have any other questions.

Thank you,

Jerry Schippa, PE (He/Him)

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Hi y'all,

This issue continues to occur. Is there an ETA or next steps at this time? Apologies if I missed an earlier response

On Fri, Jun 16, 2023, 10:39 AM Nicholas Davies <nbdavies@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear esteemed traffic engineers,

To get from the east side to the north side, I frequently take Anderson to International, and then across Packers to Vahlen (and then onward via Sherman). This involves:

- * Left from Anderson onto International
- * Straight from International across Packers (into the dead-end of Vahlen)

At both of these T intersections, I've noticed that the signal seems to default to green for the through-traffic, and the light only seems to change when a car is detected. At each of these intersections, there is a designated bike lane for me to be in, my movements at these intersections are very much expected and built into the intersection's design, and yet my presence seems completely unacknowledged by the traffic signal.

If these signals are sensor-triggered, then what would it take to install a sensor for the bike lanes, and give all modes equal treatment here?

If that's prohibitive, then what would it take to switch these signals to a timed cycle, so that green is guaranteed to happen eventually?

As it is today, I reach the intersection, eventually figure out it's not going to turn green for me, and then my options are:

- A. Wait for a car to arrive at the stop line (which can sometimes take a while), like I'm a child who needs an adult chaperone to cross the street.
- B. Leave the bike lane to go press the pedestrian beg button over at the crosswalk. Doing this is an unexpected movement that can put me in conflict with right-turning cars that often do not stop.

If I pick option B, I'm then faced with another decision:

B1. Cross the right turn lane *again* to get back in the bike lane where I ought to be.

B2. Misuse the crosswalk, which also creates conflict with right-turning vehicles.

This isn't just a route that I use every week to get to a friend's house. These intersections are also en route to/from Madison College and the airport, amongst other things.

Thank you,

Nick Davies

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