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I've lived on Willy for over a decade.

I think pedestrian safety is not great. I cross Willy daily at Patterson, and almost every single day, I see cars run that light seconds after it turns red. This is a disaster waiting to happen with the steep hill leading into that crosswalk, meaning cyclists and runners might keep going where they see the walk sign, just as a car is running the light.

I would also add that the city frequently sees fit to close sidewalks for months at a time, just saying "cross street," when there is no crosswalk anywhere near the sidewalk closing, and the practical implication of this has often been 6-12 months of pedestrians sharing lanes with cars. Under these circumstances, one or commonly two of Willy's four lanes are reserved for car parking, so that each day, some meager number of cars get to park, so that 100+ pedestrians can walk in the street (the foot traffic really adds up, since people are NOT crossing these streets).

The sidewalks are super narrow, but the road is wide. I wonder if this can be reversed.

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