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Subject: Fw: Buses on Willy St.

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Sent: Sunday, August 28, 2016 9:36 AM
To: Rummel, Marsha
Subject: Buses on Willy St.

As I walk on Willy St. I note that the bus stops are mostly using spaces that were already spaces in which parking was prohibited.

The Jenifer St. bus stops are so close to corners that if they are discontinued as bus stops parking may continue to be mostly prohibited.

My eyeball anecdotal assessment is that changing the bus routes from Jenifer to Willy Streets may have little effect on parking availability.

The news media reports that some Willy St. merchants are objecting to permanently relocating bus routes from Jenifer St. to Willy St. because they fear loss of business because customers would not be able to park near their business on Willy St.

I would hope that the decision would be based on factual assessments of data:

- A reliable but infrequently checked source of data is a business's financial records. Those records should show what if any changes occurred in a business's revenue during the period when parking availability near the business changed.

- Exactly how many more parking spaces will be lost if buses routes are relocated to Willy St.
- How much of a Willy St. business comes from customers who park in those spaces.
- How many feet more will a customer need to walk if a few Willy St. parking spaces are lost to bus stops?
- What data exists to support the business's claim that those customers will cease coming to the business because of the additional steps they must walk from a parking spot?

Data and not anecdotes are needed to make decisions.

Thanks for all you do.

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From: Rummel, Marsha
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Subject: Fw: comments on buses on Willy

From: Elizabeth Coleman <liz_coleman@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 28, 2016 8:10 AM
To: Rummel, Marsha
Subject: comments on buses on Willy

Hi Marsha

I wish I could attend the upcoming session but my work day starts early and the program cuts into my needed sleep time. Please add this email to the list of comments

Access to transit was one of the reasons I purchased my house on the 1400 block on Willy sixteen years ago. I opted to go carless - walking for groceries, pharmacy, hardware in the neighborhood and relying on the bus to get me to my job at UWHC and other places too far to walk. While the buses on Willy is actually more convenient for me, I would prefer them to go back to Jenifer mainly for my health & safety.

1) Crossing the street especially at Willy @ Baldwin is much more difficult with buses on Willy. There is only a short walk light to get across Willy (it blinks for 10 seconds) and add the additional bus turning it makes the situation worse. I you recall Metro removed the stop on Baldwin by Vinnies for this reason. I am find myself walking out of my way to cross Willy more safely at Rodgers. side note --- it would be great to get the timing more pedestrian friendly especially for those of us who are aging and/or not as nimble as they want to be

2) I usually take the first #38 bus to UWHC @ 5:30 am catching the bus @Baldwin. At that time it is often dark and the streets isolated. From time to time there are strange people and things that happen which prompts a phone call to the police. Since I have been waiting on Willy this has been a more frequent occurrence (2x this past week and it just started being dark at this time in the morning). At least on Jenifer, I feel that if something really bad happens, I could bang on nearby neighbors doors or scream/blow my whistle and someone would hear. But on Willy the fire station is the only building occupied at that time and it located too far from the bus stop.

3) The other morning as I am dodging the rain - waiting under the small awning over the front entrance of the business near the bus stop... I am thinking that this works at 5:30 am when the shop is closed but it probably wouldn't be ok if the business is open. I looked around and saw that the place where a bus shelter could be located was a spot where a tree had just been planted during the Willy Street reconstruction. Also the terraces are narrower on Willy so I'm not sure if a shelter would even fit especially if you consider the amount of foot traffic on the sidewalk and shops with outdoor seating, signage, etc.

Bus riders and pedestrians deserve to be safe. If the buses remain on Willy, can we make some changes with the light timings and install some emergency call buttons at the stops? Also, we should not have to give up the shelters.

Thanks

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