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I have two comments regarding potential projects that do not appear on the current list of Safe Streets projects but should.

1) There is a gap in the sidewalk network on Fordem Ave where "Lakewood Gardens Circle" is. This is documented on the sidewalk GIS layer but appears incorrectly in the 2017 Madison In Motion document. I did not see it in any of the current safe streets plans. This is an area in which there are actually places to walk and would fit some of the equity goals of safe streets.

2) Safe Streets initiative should consider a project to install a traffic signal at N Franklin St and E Johnson. I strongly believe that this intersection requires a traffic light, or someone is going to be severely injured at it.

In the summer of 2020, my pandemic home office had a wide view of this intersection. I witnessed several crashes between vulnerable road users and motor vehicles and countless near misses. That is in addition to many near misses and at least one crash involving two motor vehicles.

The main issue at the intersection is the combination of heavy pedestrian and bike traffic with drivers at the stop sign on Franklin looking for a gap in the speeding vehicles on E Johnson. When they find a gap they go quickly, which is often when there is a pedestrian in the crosswalk or biker in the bike lane. Flashing lights for pedestrians would not solve this problem as only drivers on E Johnson would see them, not also drivers on N Franklin.

Lots of people cross at this intersection to get to James Madison Park during nice weather. The traffic lights on Johnson and Gorham are set up in a way that makes accessing the park unnecessarily difficult. There is no street anywhere near the heavily used park that has a light at both Johnson and Gorham. This is a huge error in planning. A light at Franklin would be a big help to pedestrians in the neighborhood getting to the park.

This intersection may actually meet the MUTCD standards for a traffic signal anyway as it looks like the data the current priority list relies on is probably quite old. Density is increasing.

Thank you,

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