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From: Barros Hoffens, Jose
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 2:40 PM
To: Schippa, Jerry; Shawn Koval; Callaway, Renee
Subject: RE: Melvin & Rethke & East Washington

Thank you for the additional background, Jerry.

I think it would be beneficial to perform a study at Lexington & E. Washington. I confirm the request.

Hopefully all studies also happen by the time school is in person again, so we can have a more accurate view on how the community is interacting with those intersections when having to walk to school and back.

Thanks,
-Pepe

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Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 2:03 PM
To: Shawn Koval [REDACTED]; Barros Hoffens, Jose <JBarrosHoffens@cityofmadison.com>; Callaway, Renee <ReCallaway@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: RE: Melvin & Rethke & East Washington

Ok, I want to be clear about this. There are a few things going on here.

We're studying the intersection of Melvin & Rethke & East Washington due to a request to study from a resident who lives nearby, and because Metro Transit is looking at a BRT station here. Alder Foster brought up the walking school bus, so I wanted to follow up with his comment. And I greatly appreciate the feedback.

If you (Shawn or Pepe) are requesting that we review the intersection of Lexington & East Washington for a traffic signal, please confirm that. That request will be addressed in the fall of 2021 because we just had our TC meeting on the 2020 list last night.

Thanks,

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Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 10:37 AM
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Schippa, Jerry <JSchippa@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Re: Melvin & Rethke & East Washington

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I would start with Lexington. We had 2 or 3 people who asked us what we were doing at the school during audits and when we explained, asked "How about Lexington & East Wash?".

And you're absolutely right re: other students living along Ridgeway Avenue being more likely to use Lexington - it acts as the primary connector/collector street from that neighborhood, which is on a hill and a little isolated, to Hawthorne. Reality is of course there's a critical mass of students coming from the apartment complex where the route begins.

It definitely could be that families are choosing that intersection over Melvin because it looks safer because of the median. It's also closer to the school by two blocks so that could be another reason why it seemed/is more popular based on our observations.

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Subject: Re: Melvin & Rethke & East Washington

Shawn,

Based on your experience and input from the school community, do you think it would be more impactful/beneficial to study Lexington or Melvin intersection?

From your first email, I read that Lexington would be the one, but It could be that families were choosing that intersection over Melvin because it looked safer under similar conditions?

Melvin/Rethke seems to work for kids coming from the apartments complex, but it maybe won't for other students living along Ridgeway Ave?

Thanks,
-Pepe

From: Callaway, Renee <ReCallaway@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 10:05:52 AM
To: Shawn Koval <[REDACTED]>; Barros Hoffens, Jose <JBarrosHoffens@cityofmadison.com>; Schippa, Jerry <JSchippa@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: FW: Melvin & Rethke & East Washington

Shawn and Pepe – thoughts?

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Subject: RE: Melvin & Rethke & East Washington

If a signal were to be added to Melvin, would that change the route?

I imagine it would correct?

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Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 10:04 AM
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Subject: Re: Melvin & Rethke & East Washington

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Hi Renee,

Grant's referring to a Hawthorne Elementary walking school bus route from we launched last fall. See attached for route #1 information.

He audited the route with me before we officially started the route. Crossing East Washing was difficult - we observed students and heard from parents & others at the school that crossing this 35 mph stretch with no controlled intersections between the highway clover and N. Fair Oaks is a barrier to students/walkers living in Ridgeview Heights.

The Rethke/Melvin idea is along the route and could be interesting, but we'd identified East Washington & Lexington as potentially a better one to study and potentially improve. This intersection was specifically identified by parents & school stakeholders as unsafe without prompting. It has a painted cross walk but no beacon and little signage if I recall correctly. This is the current favored location to cross East Wash (over Rethke) in our observations of students on the route.

Hope that helps!

Best,

Shawn

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From: Callaway, Renee <ReCallaway@cityofmadison.com>

Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 8:28 AM

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Subject: FW: Melvin & Rethke & East Washington

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I thought maybe one of you would have the best information on Jerry's question below.

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Subject: Melvin & Rethke & East Washington

Renee,

Last night Alder Foster mentioned that this intersection was of interest to some students walking to school on a potential walking school bus route (or other school route)? Do you have any information on this?

We're going to do a more in depth analysis of this intersection to see if a signal is warranted here and that might be good information to have.

Thanks,

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From: Tao, Yang
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 7:18 PM
To: Rummel, Marsha; Lori Guderyon; Winter, Mark; Brian Benford; Abbas, Syed; Lynch, Thomas
Cc: Schippa, Jerry; Callaway, Renee; Heinritz, Alexandra
Subject: RE: Where should I send my Pedestrian safety request?

Good evening Alder Rummel and Lori,

Thank you for reaching out! We have taken a note on the signal request for Second St and E Washington Ave, and will evaluate the request using the City's Traffic Signal Priority List process adopted by the Common Council. The below document lists the criteria for installing traffic signal, and staff will collect data, perform warrant studies, prepare a rank order priority list and present that to the Transportation Commission. The Commission will make the final decision on which intersections to signalize.

<https://madison.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=8955480&GUID=DECE4692-47DA-42D3-8055-D53AFE40E215>

We just went through the process for all the 2020 requests, and this one will be considered with other 2021 requests. We should be able to know the final results by early 2021, and we will keep you informed before we bring this item to the Transportation Commission late this year and early next year.

You are correct that First St and E Washington Ave is one of the most challenging intersections in the city as it handles large volume of traffic. We will continue to look for ways to improve the intersection especially for pedestrians and other vulnerable users, and will carefully watch the potential impacts brought by the continued development in the area.

We agree with you on the importance of robust pedestrian safety considerations in the BRT planning process, and will work with the BRT team on that, especially for those locations near BRT stations where we expect increased number of pedestrians.

Here is more information on our Vision Zero Initiative. We will add Lori to our email list to receive updates.

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/transportation/initiatives/vision-zero>

Best,

Yang

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From: Rummel, Marsha
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Subject: Re: Where should I send my Pedestrian safety request?

Hi Lori –

My apologies if I didn't respond previously. I hope you don't mind that I forward your email so city staff can hear your idea about adding a traffic light at Second Street and East Washington.

Last week Alder Abbas had a neighborhood meeting about the new mixed use development proposal at 1st and East wash and the 1st Street intersection was discussed at length. Mark Winter from traffic engineering was there and he heard all the concerns from neighbors about crossing that intersection, E Mifflin and adding a public crossing at the railroad tracks and Burr Jones Park. Safety in this area is something the city is very aware of.

As you probably know, we started the pilot called Vision Zero that among other initiatives reduced the speed limits along this stretch of East Washington Avenue..If you search for it on the city website, you should be able to get more information.

I am copying the City Traffic Engineer Yang Tao, Asst City Traffic Engineer Mark Winter, Transportation Director Tom Lynch, Alder Syed Abbas and Alder elect Brian Benford.

I assume the city is including robust pedestrian safety in the planning process for the Bus Rapid Transit. If there is an alert email list for planning for pedestrian safety, can staff share that with Lori ? Thanks

Thanks for contacting me-

Marsha

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 5, 2021, at 7:47 PM, Lori Guderyon <guderyon@gmail.com> wrote:

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Hello Alder Rummel,
I wrote to you several months ago with the following concern about pedestrian and bicycle safety at the E. Washington and First St intersection. I realize that your term is ending soon, so I wonder if it would be more appropriate if I send my request to the City Transportation Board? I would appreciate any advice that you have. I am including my original email below. Thank you for your help.
Lori Guderyon

I am writing with a concern about pedestrian and bicycle safety at the intersection of East Washington Ave and First Street. With the upcoming Public Market opening on First Street, I anticipate that there will be increased car and pedestrian traffic at that intersection.

Having lived in the neighborhood for 40 years, I can testify that the intersection is NOT a safe one for walkers and bikers. The left turn arrows on First Street (in both directions) are given too little time, so cars end up racing through their left turns, thus jeopardizing pedestrians' lives in the crosswalk. On the Next Door social media site, several people have described "near death" experiences trying to use that crosswalk. And there has been at least one bicycle fatality at that corner, to my knowledge. I assume that City Traffic Engineering is aware of the future increase, and is planning to make changes to prevent future fatalities of pedestrians or bicyclists. If so, do you know the traffic planning process, and if public input will be part of the process?

*With the many new apartment buildings and condos being built in the Atwood Ave area, I'm predicting that there will be more foot traffic crossing East Washington to the new market. And even though there is the Yahara River bike path under the street, I don't think many walkers will go several blocks out of their way to use it. **Do you know if the Traffic dept has considered the option of putting a traffic light at E Washington and Second St, or an alternative for pedestrians to safely cross to the planned Public market?***

I'm wondering if you could let me know the best way to give input to the city about this issue. I am also willing to work with others to create a petition for a safer crosswalk, if that would be helpful to make our voices stronger. I live at Linden Cohousing, and I'd be willing to recruit a group of people here to collect signatures, or whatever is needed. Since we are 45 households who live close to that intersection, we definitely want to be sure that pedestrians are granted equal rights to safety!

Thank you much for any advice or information that you can give.

Lori Guderyon

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[REDACTED]

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Schippa, Jerry

From: Tao, Yang
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2021 4:01 PM
To: Evers, Tag
Cc: Schippa, Jerry; Heitz, Graham; Winter, Mark; Lynch, Thomas
Subject: RE: Edgewood Traffic

Good afternoon Alder Evers,

Thank you for reaching out! Great question.

We did look into a potential traffic signal at Edgewood-Monroe during the Monroe St reconstruction project a few years ago and also most recently through our last year's Traffic Signal Priority List, which is the City's mechanism to decide which intersections to signalize.

The decisions through both processes were not to signal the intersection. The intersection came short to meet the traffic signal warrants set by the national standards by 41 percent. There are also considerations such as coordination with nearby signals and geometric changes to manage the offset intersection. We also heard significant opposition from the nearby residents to the signal, as a signal typically attracts more traffic to that street.

Because of all these, we don't expect the intersection be signaled in the near future. We will continue to monitor the intersection for growing traffic and signal needs.

For more information, here is the link to our most recent Traffic Signal Priority List.
<https://www.cityofmadison.com/trafficEngineering/documents/TSPL2020.pdf>

Hope this helps and enjoy the rest of the weekend!

Yang

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From: Evers, Tag <district13@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 4, 2021 9:20 AM
To: Tao, Yang <YTao@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Fw: Edgewood Traffic

Hi Yang,

Has there been any thought to having a traffic light at Edgewood Ave and Monroe?

Thanks,

Tag

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From: Terri Jasen
Sent: Saturday, September 4, 2021 9:12 AM
To: Evers, Tag
Subject: Fwd: Edgewood Traffic

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Oops! Typo in your email address yesterday and just returned. I'll try again!
Terri

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Good Morning, Tag,

I am hoping you can assist. I think Edgewood School needs to send a reminder to parents that they are driving (racing) through a residential neighborhood to take their children to school. I left my home on Madison Street between Edgewood and Lincoln at 7:40 this morning and watching the cars racing up Jefferson and Adams was frightening. Children from our neighborhood were walking to their schools and bus stops and those in cars seemed to be paying no attention to stop signs and no consideration to the children around them.

In addition, I don't understand why there isn't a light at Edgewood and Monroe. The chicane is dangerous, and again, lots of traffic now that school has started. When I looked across Monroe, there were at least 10 cars trying to either get across or turn. After all the work that was done on Monroe street, I don't understand why a light wasn't put in. Very few pedestrians actually use the available flashing lights and many days, we have to turn right, go a block or two down Monroe to make a left and circle back down West Lawn to make a right on Monroe because making a left off Edgewood or Lincoln is impossible. The traffic on Monroe seems to be much worse than pre-covid times.

Anything you can do to help would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks for all you do for us!!

Terri

Stay safe, and Stay Healthy

Terri Jasen
[REDACTED]
Madison, WI 53711

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Schippa, Jerry

From: Heitz, Graham
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 6:16 PM
To: Schippa, Jerry
Cc: Mohr, Thomas
Subject: FW: Report a Traffic Enforcement Concern

Jerry, I know this location has a history. Can you please work on a response?

From: Mohr, Thomas <TMohr@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 10:05 AM
To: Heitz, Graham <GHeitz@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: FW: Report a Traffic Enforcement Concern

Signal request.

From: Santilli, Milisa <MSantilli@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 8:07 AM
To: Alvarez, Ronald <RALvarez@cityofmadison.com>; Skenandore, Joey <JSkenandore@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Fiore, Anthony <AFiore@cityofmadison.com>; Mohr, Thomas <TMohr@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: FW: Report a Traffic Enforcement Concern

Specific concern / Request for traffic control

From: oghoghawala@gmail.com <oghoghawala@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 5:49 PM
To: Santilli, Milisa <MSantilli@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Report a Traffic Enforcement Concern

General Information

Name: Omar Ghoghawala
Address: [REDACTED]
Phone: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]
Date: 09/08/2021

Category: Traffic Enforcement Concern

Type of Violation: Aggressive Driving

Day of Violation: M-F

Time of Violation: 5:40 pm

Location: S. Walbridge and Milwaukee St

Message: Trying to get home safely turning right onto S. Walbridge from Milwaukee (E) as you know there is a bus lane/stap and a bike lane there and the car behind me, a gray/blue Ford Escape was honking at me to move out of the way for her to get ahead of the merge and effectively push me into the bicycle and bus lane. I strongly urge you to place a traffic light and red light camera at this intersection. It is extremely dangerous to use any

turn through this intersection or even to cross on foot.
The requester can be contacted

Schippa, Jerry

From: Amy Marsman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 8:38 AM
To: Schippa, Jerry
Cc: Martin Holste
Subject: Re: 2020 Traffic Signal Priority List at Transportation Commission

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Hello Jerry,

We spoke last year about the traffic signal priority list. Do you have an updated list for 2021 or 2022 in the works? Could you share with me and my fellow board member Martin Holste who is copied here? Martin is interested in the Northport and School Road intersection, but also the Troy Drive and Marcy intersection, which is a crossing route for children attending Mendota Elementary.

Thank you!
Amy

From: Schippa, Jerry <JSchippa@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 9:58 AM
To: 'Amy Marsman' <[REDACTED]>
Subject: 2020 Traffic Signal Priority List at Transportation Commission

Ms. Marsman,

Earlier this year you requested the intersection of Northport & School to be reviewed for installation of a traffic signal. On December 9th, we will be presenting the list of intersections that were requested to study throughout the year to the Transportation Commission. Written comments, and summaries of verbal conversations have been submitted to the Commission for review.

At the meeting we will discuss requests for signals, initial studies performed, and put together a plan for extensive studies at intersections at the recommendation of the Commission. This meeting is also an opportunity for the public to speak for or against potentially signalizing any intersection in the city.

Below is a link to the meeting where you can register to speak, or watch. Attached is the 'working' 2020 TSPL, meeting notice, and summary of traffic signal warrants.

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/clerk/meeting-schedule/transportation-commission-53>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you,

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From: Saqqaf, Tariq
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 10:28 AM
To: Tao, Yang; Lynch, Thomas; Winter, Mark
Cc: Schippa, Jerry
Subject: School & Northport Road

Hi, Yang, Tom, and Mark.

Wanted to pass this note Julie Spears put together for the Brentwood Northport Team a couple weeks ago. I meant to send it out right away and just lost track of it, but of course the importance of the School/Northport Rd intersection and getting it to chill out can't be overstated. It's scary and obviously hard to deal with given speed dynamics of coming in from outside Madison but very much hoping we can crack this nut and find ways beyond the tunnel to make it feel safer for the younger and older human beings that need to navigate that area.

Thank you all!
Tariq

From: Spears, Julie <JSpears@cityofmadison.com>

At the Brentwood/Northside Neighborhood Resource Team meeting today, City staff and our community partners were pleased to learn from TE staff that the DOT is proceeding with a safety study at the intersection of School and Northport Roads, amongst others in this area. Safety at this intersection has long been a concern of the Northside community and NRT members that serve it. Safety concerns are highest during peak traffic times, especially morning and evening rush hours. High speeds and the lack of visibility on the hill exacerbate the problem. School release times are also challenging times for families and children. On behalf of this NRT, we respectfully request that elevated attention be given to address to the long identified safety concerns at this intersection.

Thanks!

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