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Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 9:05 AM
To: Stroick, Jule
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Subject: Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Motor Vehicle Commission Feedback for 10/27 Meeting

Hi Jule,
Below are my family's feedback regarding the location change for drop-off/pick-up at Van Hise and Hamilton schools. I apologize to send it today, but my family and I are just getting over illness. I hope that these comments can still be included in tonight's meeting.

Please let me know any questions you may have or if I need to send this somewhere else. Also, we would also appreciate it if you could please keep our comments anonymous. Thanks.

Regarding the location change for drop-off/pick-up at Van Hise and Hamilton schools:

We assume that the suggestion arose from concerns on Waukesha Street about drop-off and pick-up traffic.

Unfortunately the proposal to move it all to the back of the school off Segoe Road would cause more problems because Segoe Road is already so busy, especially in the morning. Another challenge is that it is one way divided lanes, and there is a bike lane to cross on both divided sides of the street.

Plus those that live on the Waukesha Street side of the school would either have to drive down Regent or Waukesha/Richland Lane to get to the Segoe side of the building just to drop off the kids causing extra traffic on those streets.

And the fact that Segoe Road is divided and there are many that come from south of Mineral Point Rd to drop off, they would need to make a U-turn on Segoe Road to get to the drop-off location.

Or some may decide to simply drop off on the opposite side of the street which would pose a pedestrian safety hazard. Right now there are people who will just park the car where ever to walk the kids in and cross in the middle, etc. This would be worse if everything was moved to the busier Segoe Road side of the schools.

Not to mention the long car queue that would result in the drop off area on Segoe Road, which would add more time and stress to the situation. The new proposed drop-off also doesn't accommodate for the fact that sometimes as a parent you need to walk items in with your child, or talk with a teacher, or pay school fees before or after school.

If the push continues to do this, extra curb structures and a turn-round will be needed to make the traffic flow easily and help with pedestrian safety. This would be complicated because the drop-off time is right during normal morning rush hour traffic when the street is the busiest.

And because it involves two schools with nearly 1500 students altogether, the drop-off and pick-up times are extended. Drop-off is typically from 7:00 - 8:40 am (with a slight break in the middle), and pick-up is between 2:30 - 3:30 pm (and about 1 hour earlier on Mondays due to early release).

Lastly, who would pay for the required street restructuring to accommodate moving the location? Is the city planning to cover the cost of the street restructuring that would be needed to accommodate this or where would the money for it come from? Would additional patrols also be added to make sure of safe compliance?

It is our view that other solutions must be considered, which would accommodate for all these things, reduce cost, and make it safer and easier to drop-off/pick-up all kids on both sides of the school.