#### ATTACHMENT Feedback Received via email as of 9/25/2024 5pm

Constituent input on the Lawe Street Truck Route.

Thank you!

Vered Meltzer Alderperson, Appleton District 2 (Pronouns: he, him, his) 920-809-6669 facebook.com/votevered

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From: Barb Weyenberg <<u>weyengrif@charter.net</u>>
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 9:39 AM
To: Vered Meltzer <<u>District2@Appleton.org</u>>
Subject: Re: Lawe Street Truck Route - Upcoming Meeting

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Thank you for this opportunity to comment. I recommend no trucks south of Wisconsin Ave. in this neighborhood. I recommend removing the truck route designation IF it is not simply moved to Meade, Rankin or some other location south of Wisconsin Ave. That would not be acceptable. The noise carries all over this area and the trucks tear up the roads requiring continuous repair and cost to taxpayers. Trucks can go down Wisconsin Ave or OO and catch the 441 interchange near Little Chute to access the highway. Semi trucks in a residential area not good. These semi trucks are a hazard in nearby round abouts in residential areas also. Barb Weyenberg

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 13, 2023, at 9:16 AM, Vered Meltzer <<u>District2@appleton.org</u>> wrote:

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More constituent feedback. Thank you!

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From: Timothy Watson <<u>timandpete@gmail.com</u>>
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 10:16 AM
To: Vered Meltzer <<u>District2@Appleton.org</u>>
Subject: Re: Lawe Street Truck Route - Upcoming Meeting

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route designation from N Lawe Street, and making it more pedestrian and bicycle friendly. Tim

Tim Watson 11 Bellaire Ct, Appleton, WI 54911 timandpete@gmail.com

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From: Barbara Agness <<u>babettebarbie@gmail.com</u>>
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 10:25 AM
To: Vered Meltzer <<u>District2@Appleton.org</u>>
Subject: Re: Lawe Street Truck Route - Upcoming Meeting

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Thanks, Barb

On Sep 13, 2023, at 9:06 AM, Vered Meltzer <<u>District2@Appleton.org</u>> wrote:

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Lawe Street input.

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From: webmaster@appleton.org <webmaster@appleton.org> Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2023 5:29 PM To: Vered Meltzer <<u>District2@Appleton.org</u>> Subject: Appleton, WI: Contact Your Alderpersons email

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Problem: there are too many cars and trucks going by on Lawe Street and they do not stop to let pedestrians cross. It is also hard for cars to cross that street.			
Potential solutions: bump out the curbs at key intersections to slow traffic (like on Meade St), have the Appvion trucks go elsewhere, add stop signs at two intersections (just one intersection would make problems for that street), add crossing lights (like the ones for Lawrence across college) or actually do a campaign city-wide where people get tickets for not stopping to let pedestrians cross at crosswalks.			
I would prefer to have there be fewer trucks on Lawe (make it not a trucking route). I think widening the street would cause people to go faster, even if the widening was adding a bike lane, and would make the problems worse. Narrowing the street at certain points by bumping the curb out would slow traffic.			
Thank you,			
Natalie Lewellyn			
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Thank you, Appleton, WI This is an automated message generated by Granicus. Please do not reply directly to this email. Attention: This message was sent from a source external to the City of Appleton. Please use caution when opening attachments or clicking links. More input on the truck route. Dani, can these emails that came in over the weekend be included in the packet for the committee on Monday?

Thank you!

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From: Janet Scheibe <janetplannet1552@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2023 3:39 PM
To: Vered Meltzer <<u>District2@Appleton.org</u>>
Subject: Re: Lawe Street Truck Route Update

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The proposed change in hours does not change any of the concerns expressed by citizens except for noise at night. The rights of private citizens should FAR outweigh those of Apvion. Is Apvion going to pay to repair the (ongoing) damage to the homes on Lawe Street? No. This is NOT acceptable. JL SCHEIBE

On Fri, Sep 22, 2023 at 12:18 PM Vered Meltzer <<u>District2@appleton.org</u>> wrote: Greetings!

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More Lawe Street input, but this is on the design, not the truck route.

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From: Jane Parish Yang <jane.p.yang@lawrence.edu>
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2023 12:49 PM
To: Vered Meltzer <<u>District2@Appleton.org</u>>
Subject: Re: Lawe Street Truck Route Update

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I appreciate your keeping your constituents informed about the progress of this project and your working with Alderperson Del Toro on behalf of the neighborhood around Lawe Street.

I hope the street is not widened and that viable trees can be saved. It is not important to designate such a high traffic street as a bike route-in fact, quite foolish to think every street needs this designation. There are safer streets nearby that can work for bike riders.

With thanks, Jane Parish Yang, 1212 East Pacific Street

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From: Vered Meltzer <<u>District2@Appleton.org</u>> Sent: Friday, September 22, 2023 12:12:55 PM To: Vered Meltzer <<u>District2@Appleton.org</u>> Subject: Lawe Street Truck Route Update

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Vered Meltzer Alderperson, Appleton District 2 (Pronouns: he, him, his) 920-809-6669 facebook.com/votevered FYI - Lawe Street!

### Andy Anaam

Communications & Public Engagement Manager Office of the Mayor, City of Appleton Phone: (920) 832-5814 Email: <u>anindita.anaam@appleton.org</u> <u>https://www.appleton.org/</u>



From: Kimberly Dickson <<u>kimberly.dickson@lawrence.edu</u>> Sent: Monday, September 25, 2023 7:38 AM To: Mayor <<u>Mayor@Appleton.org</u>> Subject: Lawe St truck route

CAUTION: This email originated from outside your organization. Exercise caution when opening attachments or clicking links, especially from unknown senders. Dear Municipal Services Committee and Mayor Woodford,

I am a resident of Appleton and live at 610 E. Eldorado St. I am writing today to express my deep concern about the plans to develop Lawe St into a truck route *plus* a bike route. These plans for Lawe Street prioritize a corporation over the health, safety, and beauty of a historic Appleton neighborhood and its residents. Under no circumstances is a bike route combined with a truck route appropriate for a residential neighborhood.

As a parent, Lawe St. never felt like a safe street for my child to cross. Walking from our house to Edison School for basketball or to a friend's house was always a concern for me. Traffic is heavy, drivers are inattentive, and there is <u>no way</u> one of those massive trucks could stop in time if a child were to accidentally enter the road in front of it. Biking through the neighborhood requires strict adult supervision as well, especially for kids living around City Park and in the narrow strip of the neighborhood flanked by Drew and Lawe Streets. In other Appleton neighborhoods, I see young children riding their bikes through the streets during summer. They're protected from the main thoroughfares like Ballard Rd or College Ave. Our kids have not been so lucky – my daughter had to be much older to navigate the streets in our neighborhood. **Keeping the truck route through the City Park Neighborhood prioritizes a business over hundreds of residents and their families.** 

The construction proposed on Lawe St would not only continue to fracture the neighborhood and perpetuate a major safety concern, but would also come at an environmental and aesthetic cost. Removal of the trees along Lawe St to widen the road would cause homes to lose shade and noise reduction, and Appleton would lose 100+-year old beautiful oxygen-generating carbon sinks (aka, trees). While there are environmental concerns with either re-routing trucks (emissions) or with re-building a truck route (terrace and tree loss, massive use of concrete and greenhouse gas emission), only the Lawe

St. route brings semi trucks through a residential neighborhood. The aesthetic cost to the Lawe St. corridor is more severe. Picture yourself driving down the concrete jungle of Wisconsin Avenue. Lawe St will have a similar look when large established trees and green terraces are replaced with more concrete and small trees like the service berry trees planted on Eldorado St when it was redone ~6 years ago. **Property values will be harmed and the aesthetic of our historic downtown will be harmed if the truck route remains in place.** The Lawe St. corridor deserves better.

Finally, I'm not sure why adding a bike lane to Lawe St, and one with such potentially dangerous design, is necessary at all. I am an experienced cyclist and a regular bike commuter on the Drew St bike lane. Even though that street is not a truck route, I often feel unsafe on Drew St because of drivers on cell phones swerving into the bike lane. Lawe St would feel even more dangerous than Drew because of the trucks. Hitting a pothole and falling off my bike could cost me my life. I've ridden my bike down Franklin St hundreds of times, and I always fear the stretch of road near the bus depot. Some buses swing a little extra wide while making turns in to the bus station, and even when they don't there's barely enough room for the bike lane. It's very scary to navigate that stretch of road. Why one earth should anyone want to ride a bike next to a semi, and how would this provide a safe environment for children in the neighborhood?

While I understand that businesses are important to Appleton's ability to thrive, I also think that this a big opportunity to improve our city and make downtown an even more attractive place to live. Paper executives and this big corporation can afford to change and adapt to a new trucking route. They should support efforts to preserve the beauty and vibrancy of our neighborhood. In this time of a housing shortage, and influx of people to the Midwest in general, prioritizing the City Park neighborhood and Lawe St. corridor is a great forward-thinking investment. Please give our residents an even better place to live, maybe with a bike lane without trucks that could improve the quality of life (and attractiveness to new buyers). I urge you to please OPPOSE the resolution to retain the Lawe St. truck route and refer the issue back to the City for a more thorough analysis.

Thank you for your time. Sincerely,

Kimberly a Dickson

Kimberly Dickson 610 E. Eldorado St.

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I am unable to attend tonight's meeting - I have been ill. However, I wrote my thoughts out a couple weeks ago in hopes between Lawe Street issues and the block of Lawrence homes decaying in the block south of City Park - well, that we might take prudent steps now to avoid urban 'core of city' decay and preserve and build up our historic, shared, definitive urban center instead - while we can.

Thank you very much!

Yours,

Anne Baruth

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# Lawe Street Issues Anne Baruth August 2, 2023

Good afternoon. Thank you for this opportunity to voice observations and concerns regarding the City Park area and Lawe Street's truck traffic issues in particular.

We have lived in the City Park District since 1989. There are some key things that put our unique, core area of common history, community gathering, and city identity at risk. This includes the main truck thoroughfare along narrow, pedestrian rich, neighborhood-lined Lawe Street.

In 1989, my children were in late grade school at Edison Elementary. We were renting 217 North Union as we completed our Lawrence degrees. I remember the ongoing concern we had for our children who had to cross busy, nonstop Lawe Street to and from school every day. Add to that, they would visit friends east of Lawe.

Our concerns were heightened when a middle school friend of theirs was killed – turned into a flat pancake while on her bicycle - by a large truck near College and John Streets – an intersection of public concern that remained unheeded until the

tragedy. I say this to note areas of traffic concern can become areas of tragic reality.

While our children were young, the intersection on Lawe they most often frequented was Franklin. In winter it was sometimes too cold to readily go to the East North Street crossing guard corner.

In 2000, we moved to 507 E. Pacific Street and became well aware of the risks and concerns on the intersection of Lawe and Pacific.

Pedestrian traffic here includes Jacob's Market, Edison School, City Park, downtown, and many weekly and annual city events. Let me cite a few examples that demonstrate the need for review and long needed adjustment.

A former aging neighbor, always hunched over, had difficulty navigating the journey to Jacob's Market. Currently an older neighbor with a disabled husband awaits hip replacement. A heavy truck stopping in time – summer or winter – could imperil this woman.

While at Jacob's Market not long ago, a cheerful, middle-aged cashier, June, groceries in her arm, escorted an elderly customer very mindfully across Lawe Street to his car. Mind you, these things happen sleet or shine.

Just the other day we saw a car still angled off of Lawe Street stopped cold about two feet from hitting a very young child chasing a ball on Pacific Street. It is a crowded, bustling neighborhood anyway!

Personally, there have been numerous times when I've been delayed from crossing to Jacob's Market due to truck and truck enhanced traffic. The large trucks really do barrel down the street.

Our son and his children live two doors west of Lawe on Pacific. Noise is a problem as well.

Additionally, the heavy truck traffic makes that section of our core historic district undesirable. Houses lose value, get run down, other problems emerge.

My overall heart's desire for our district is that it would become a focus of positive, fortifying civic interest before it is too late.

We have the decaying infrastructure of irreplaceable historic homes south of City Park, increasing homeless issues in and around the park, and the safety and other concerns truck traffic on Lawe Street creates.

Will we be the next rotted out city (from the inner city out) as we grow? ... or will our community and leaders rise to this George Bailey (It's a Wonderful Life) moment to save what is of far greater worth than the extra mile profit of one large business?

Perhaps today we can step back, look at the big picture future, begin to work toward that greater good and better purpose ...



## MEMORANDUM

TO:	Municipal Services Committee
FROM:	Andrew Dane, Lawrence-City Park Neighborhood Association
DATE:	September 22, 2023
RE:	Staff Report – Resolution #10-R-22 Lawe Street Truck Route Analysis

The purpose of this memo is to express concern regarding the conclusions reached in the DPW Staff **Report** – Resolution #10-R-22 Lawe Street Truck Route Analysis (Truck Route Analysis) dated September 20, 2023. The resolution called for staff to "explore removing the Truck Route designation between College Avenue and Hancock Street and finding an alternate route for truck traffic to travel north and south."

The memo states that **"Staff does not recommend a new alternative truck route to replace Lawe Street"** and cites the following as evidence for drawing their conclusion:

• Efficiency and Cost – an alternative truck route could disrupt the efficiency of our transportation system, leading to increased travel time, congestion and additional fuel costs.

• Safety Concerns – the existing truck route network has been designed with safety in mind and appropriate truck turning accommodations.

• **Community Impact** – implementation of an alternative route could have a negative impact on a corridor that historically has not experienced measurable trucking volumes.

• Environmental Considerations – a modification to the truck route will likely have increased emission levels and travel time.

Most reasonable people would not take issue with the findings bulleted above. There are always significant **cons** associated with moving away from the status quo. However, a better analysis of an alternate route would include the **pros and cons of the status quo as well as the alternate route**, rather than be based primarily on the actual/perceived costs to Appvion (and the broader community) of **removing** the truck route. To put it bluntly we need to quantify the costs and benefits to the neighborhood of removing truck traffic in order to make an informed decision.

Therefore, please consider OPPOSING the resolution and referring the truck route analysis back to City staff for a more comprehensive estimate of the true costs and benefits of this decision.

Below is an attempt to present a useful framework for evaluating an alternate route. It should be noted that under the current logic, the items listed under CONS (red) are implicitly valued at less than \$205/day!

	PROS	CONS
STATUS QUO	+ lower fuel costs	-parents afraid to let their kids
(Keep truck route as is)	+ less wear and tear on trucks	walk to City Park / Edison
	+ lower labor costs	-pedestrian safety concerns
		including concentration of low to
		moderate income households and
		older residents
		-depressed property values
		-vehicle emissions
		-continued deterioration of City
		Park Historic District
		-inability to implement bike plan
		and safe routes to school without
		deliberately (and unnecessarily)
		mixing bicyclists, kids, and semi-
		trucks
*441 ALTERNATE	+ improved pedestrian safety	-Costs Appvion an additional
(remove one short segment from	+ lower vehicle emissions	\$75K/Year. (\$205/day)
the City's current truck route)	+ less vehicular pollution	
	+ enhance historic character of.	-Labor (\$37,550)
	neighborhood	-Fuel (\$18,195)
	+ safely implement bike and safe	-Wear (\$22,134)
	routes to school plans	

\*441 Alternate (Wisconson>Ballard>Northland>441)

\*\* Assumptions:

- 1. 11,680 1-way trips (memo)
- 2. 33,792 additional miles (memo)
- 3. 751 additional hours driving time (memo)
- 4. \$50/HR truck driver salary
- 5. 6.5 MPG Average Semi fuel economy
- 6. \$3.50 per gallon diesel
- 7. \$.65/mile (wear & tear)

From: Israel Del Toro <<u>District4@Appleton.org</u>> Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2023 7:08:51 PM To: Katie Van Zeeland <<u>District5@Appleton.org</u>> Subject: Lawe St. Resolution

Ald. Van Zeeland,

The municipal services committee will consider the recommendations of city staff regarding the redevelopment of Lawe street in the coming years. A major point of contention is the staff's recommendation in retaining the truck route on Lawe street. See the attached letter from Mr. Dane regarding the rebuttal of citizens from the City Park neighborhood.

I have my own rebuttal that highlights the overwhelming sentiment of the citizens whom I represent. We are thankful for city staff that made the effort and took the time to hold a genuine community listening lesson, where it was clear that the majority of constituents expressed opposition to retaining truck traffic on Lawe street. Notable concerns by constituents included damage to property caused by heavy truck traffic. Noise, speed and structural integrity concerns are the most alarming. As trucks use Lawe street their weight and speed results in noise and vibrations that affect constituents home siding, glass and foundations. A local real estate group estimates that Lawe street homeowner sale-prices can be affected as much as \$10,000, compared to similar properties because of their location along the truck route.

Recently we as a council used the city's comprehensive plan to delineate appropriate land use. In this instance I am hopeful that we can do the same in an effort to keep commercial traffic along commercial and industrial sectors of the city and away from residential neighborhoods. The current route taken by trucks travels along a 90% residential area. By shifting the truck route north to Wisconsin Ave, Ballard and Northland, the route will follow an 80% commercial route and interfere with far fewer residential lots. Lets keep the businesses on commercial routes and protect the residents of District 2, 3 and 4.

Further I find the suggestion of regulating a private business greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions as an inappropriate argument. I can think of no other business where is the city of Appleton is responsible for managing GHG emissions of a private industry. I commend these businesses for being aware of their GHG emissions but it is their private responsibility to regulate and offset it internally.

The final argument regards safe driving alternatives. The northbound alternative presented above is a safer, albeit longer alternative. According to the Federal Transportation Administration, left hand turns are responsible for the vast majority of turning accidents on the road, nationwide (accounting for 1 in 4 crashes nationwide). <u>Here's an interesting read in</u> <u>Popular Mechanics detailing this logic.</u> The current route consists of seven individual left-hand turns, while the proposed alternative reduces this number to only two.

In summary staff recommendation to not change this truck route includes these following points. My concerns are follow each statement

Efficiency and Cost – an alternative truck route could disrupt the efficiency of our transportation system, leading to increased travel time, congestion and additional fuel costs. There has been no formal analysis or data associated with this statement. I encourage the committee to request this formal traffic analysis to evaluate if congestion would actually increase along proposed alternative truck routes.

♣ Safety Concerns – the existing truck route network has been designed with safety in mind and appropriate truck turning accommodations.

As mentioned above the current truck route already has more safety concerns compared to the proposed north-bound route.

Community Impact – implementation of an alternative route could have a negative impact on a corridor that historically has not experienced measurable trucking volumes.

The continued use of Lawe by heavy trucks on a regular basis is what led to the deteriorating conditions in a residential neighborhood in the first place. The proposed alternative is largely designed for commercial and industrial use and moves traffic into more appropriate spaces. Again a formal traffic analysis should be conducted to fully address the statement above.

Environmental Considerations – a modification to the truck route will likely have increased emission levels and travel time. o Based on these factors, staff does not recommend any alternative truck routes.

It is not the job of the city to implement GHG emissions mitigation strategies for private companies. This is the company's responsibility.

I am happy to continue the discussion about this resolution and my constituent's concerns.

Best, Israel Del Toro D4

