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To: Municipal Services Committee

From: Eric Lom, City Traffic Engineer

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Re: Proposed parking change on N. Gillett Street (Summer St to Wisconsin Avenue)

Proposed Six-Month Trial Period

In response to a request from Alderperson Christine Williams, the City's Traffic Section has assessed the possibility of expanding the existing two-hour zone parking zone in the area of Appleton West High School to include the block of N. Gillett Street that falls between Summer Street and Wisconsin Avenue. Alderperson Williams had received a number of complaints that students have been parking on both sides of this block on school days.

The Appleton School District constructed a student parking lot on Linwood Avenue a number of years ago. At that time, two-hour parking zones (during school hours) were instituted in the adjacent neighborhoods in an effort to compel students to park in the District's off-street lot. While this plan has greatly minimized long-term student parking on most of the neighborhood streets in the area of the high school, we have observed that students have started parking on the block in question.

Property owners on this block were surveyed by mail. The response rate was 57%. Of those that responded:

- 75% were in favor of installing 2-hour parking signs on both sides of the street (7am-4pm on school days)
- 25% preferred no changes, but were *OK* with 2-hour parking signs on <u>both sides</u> of the street *(7am-4pm on school days)*

Based on the results of the survey, Alderperson Williams supports the majority's preference to install two-hour parking signs on both sides of this block for a *6-month trial period*. The Traffic Section also supports this approach.