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To: Municipal Services Committee

From: Danielle Block, Director of Public Works

Date: February 20, 2024

Re: Recommended Lighting Upgrades – Walnut Street @ College Avenue

As part of the initiative to address nightlife safety concerns, staff has identified lighting as a potential improvement. The City of Appleton Public Works Department Traffic Section has reviewed the existing conditions along the N 100 and S 100 blocks of Walnut Street – near the intersection of College Avenue at the request of the Appleton Police Department. The additional lighting will improve visibility. Enhanced visibility could positively impact the safety of the Walnut Street corridor and has been identified by Appleton Police Department as one strategy to mitigate issues recently experienced in the area. Other strategies are being introduced and recommended, all the strategies seek to reduce gatherings at an around bar close time, reduce the opportunities for crowding, improve visibility for vehicles and pedestrians, and provide additional tools for investigation of incident and oversight of security procedures.

Total cost to implement estimated at \$15,000 plus ongoing lighting costs paid annually. Funding source ARPA, contingent upon future approval by the Finance Committee.

The lighting enhancements are illustrated on the following page.

