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Subject: Linwood Ave Reconstruction Concerns

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Bill,

I am Dave Hemp, the General Manager at Recycle That Stuff (121 N Linwood Ave). I was recently sent an email from our property owner regarding the 2024 Linwood Ave street reconstruction proposal. I realize I missed the opportunity to reply to the attached form and have it returned by the October 24th date. I was directed to contact you. I need to share my views as it will be us more than anyone who this will negatively impact.

Eliminating street parking south of Franklin ave to College will adversely affect our business. I currently have 5 people employed here. This is the least amount of employees I have ever had at this location in over 10 years. We park our vehicles on the North East corner of the property basically blocking our loading docks. I can not have 2 semis here without moving all of our vehicles. They need to be moved onto Linwood Ave. Without street parking, we have no where to go that is not blocks away. Aramark uses what spots are available on Washington Ave. If I hire even one more person, I will not have the area to park their vehicle without street parking. This does not include our customers who use our services through the south end of the building. Many of who then need to go to the office and settle up there. They would have nowhere to park anywhere near the door at the corner of Linwood and Washington. Our south end lot is not big enough to park our vehicles and conduct business with the public.

Narrowing the street, which although is not posted as a truck route, is a truck route, would not make much sense. There is barely enough room as it is now to turn a semi from eastbound College to northbound Linwood. If any vehicle creeps forward in the southbound Linwood lane, it is near impossible without using the terrace in front of Aldi. The addition of a bicycle lanes will only make this a much more dangerous situation. I don't know anywhere else off of the top of my head where a bicycle lane would be on a truck route in such a cramped situation. The current bicycle traffic we notice is from the homeless population that migrates from under the tracks on College to Linwood park. We also use the 2 indoor loading docks that face east just south of Washington Ave. If the street is narrowed, we will no longer be able to get our truck into our own docks.

This proposal will also hamper traffic when Aldi has a truck deliver (usually in the mid afternoon). They have to back in off of Linwood if Aldi's have any customers parked in their lot. The semi does not have enough room to turn in their lot and needs to back in off of Linwood. This causes a major hangup on Linwood and on to College as it is. If we have customers trying to leave the south end of our place, they can be waiting for quite a while as that truck tries to get backed in to the Aldi dock. Often their customers do not realize what is happening and pull up behind the backing truck. Their Coca Cola driver pulls up into our lot to help get into their dock. Our customers have a hard enough time being able to see north on Linwood. Adding bike lanes with more to concentrate on will and less road to use will only make the situation worse.

I would say that 90% of the semi drivers who have never gone to WSI stop at our location to ask where

311 Linwood is. Their GPS tells them they have arrived when they get to our office door at Washington Ave. They pull over, block the road and come in. It is to the point that we have thought about adding a sign on our building telling them where to go because it happens several times daily. At 3:30 when West High School lets out, it gets even worse. I would highly recommend against narrowing and adding a bicycle lane on a rather active trucking route.

Regards,

Dave Hemp

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