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To: Municipal Services Committee

From: Eric S. Lom, City Traffic Engineer

Date: April 12, 2019

Re: Morrison Street and Harris Street 2-Way Conversion Projects

For nearly a decade now, the City has been working to identify opportunities to improve safety and mobility in and around our CBD. Among those efforts was the development of the *Downtown Appleton Mobility Plan*, which was unanimously approved by the City's Common Council in 2016. This plan provides a framework for future investments in the transportation system in and around CBD.

Among the identified projects was the conversion of Appleton Street to two-way traffic, which is currently under construction and will be completed later this year, providing a continuous north/south route through the city.

The purpose of this memo is to discuss two other important elements of the plan that are proposed for 2019 implementation:

- 1) the two-way conversion of Morrison Street north of College Avenue
- 2) the two-way conversion of Harris Street from Oneida Street and Morrison Street

These projects will allow for improved circulation in the CBD, giving drivers alternate routes to enter and exit the high-density areas north of College Avenue near the Yellow Ramp.

Unlike Appleton Street, the Morrison Street and Harris Street conversions will not require any significant pavement construction. They will, however, require changes to traffic signals, traffic signs and pavement markings, and will involve only minimal disruptions to traffic. It's also important to point out that all on-street parking on Morrison Street and Harris Street *will remain unchanged* as a result of these proposed projects (however, there would be one stall lost on Oneida Street). See the attached diagram for more details.

While the precise timing of the Morrison Street and Harris Street projects has not yet been determined, we anticipate they will occur in late June.

The following ordinance action is required:

- Create: "Designate two-way stop control at the Oneida Street/Harris Street intersection (Harris Street traffic stops)."
- 2. Create: "Designate all-way stop control at the Morrison Street/Harris Street intersection."
- 3. *Create:* "Parking be prohibited on the west side of Oneida Street from Harris Street to a point 35 feet north of Harris Street."



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April 15, 2019

Dear property owner/tenant,

For nearly a decade now, the City of Appleton has been working to identify opportunities to improve safety and mobility in and around our Central Business District. Among those efforts was the development of the *Downtown Appleton Mobility Plan*, which was unanimously approved by the City's Common Council in 2016. This plan provides a framework for future investments in the transportation system in and around Downtown (you can view the full plan at https://goo.gl/9otjhH or by scanning the QR code below).

The conversion of Appleton Street to two-way traffic – a major element of the plan – is currently under construction and will be completed later this year, providing a continuous north/south route through the city.

Two other important elements of the plan that are scheduled to be implemented in 2019 are the two-way conversions of Morrison Street (north of College Avenue) and Harris Street (from Oneida Street and Morrison Street). These projects will be discussed at the next meeting of the City's Municipal Services Committee (4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 22nd, 6th floor of City Center Building, 100 N. Appleton St.).

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While the precise timing of this year's Morrison Street and Harris Street projects has not yet been determined, we anticipate they will occur in late June. You will receive another letter as the details become known. If you have any questions or concerns about this project, please feel free to reach out to me at 832-3958 or eric.lom@appleton.org.

Sincerely,

Eric S. Lom, P.E. City Traffic Engineer



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