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To: Municipal Services Committee

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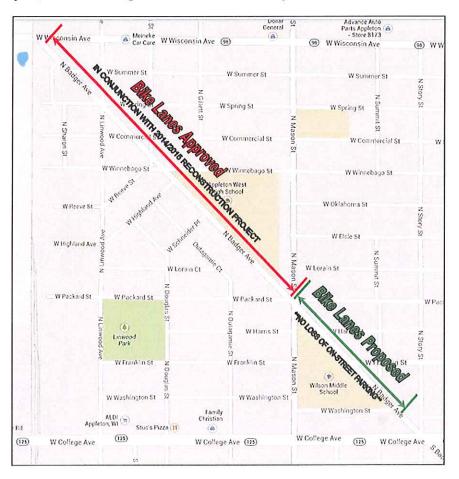
Date: July 9, 2015

Re: Addition of bike lanes on Badger Av (between Packard St & Washington St)

(no loss of on-street parking)

Late last year, the Common Council approved the addition of bike lanes on the northern section of Badger Avenue (north of Packard Street, shown in red below) in conjunction with its reconstruction in 2014/2015. Separately, the Common Council approved funding to restripe the portion of Badger Avenue that falls between Packard Street and College Avenue in 2015 to include bike lanes.

Because of the roadway's width (between Packard Street & College Avenue), we will be able to <u>retain all existing on-</u> <u>street parking</u>. Additionally, the creation of the bike lanes would more clearly define where motorists should drive and park, which has long been an issue for this very wide street.



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July 15, 2015

«Owner_First_Name» «Owner_Middle_Init» «Owner_Last_Name» «Owner_Address» «Owner_CityState» «Owner_Zipcode»

Dear Badger Avenue property owner,

This letter is to inform you that the City of Appleton is planning to install bike lanes on Badger Avenue from Packard Street to College Avenue later this summer. Bike lanes on your section of Badger Avenue were not part of the city's bike lane plan that was passed in 2010. However, this section of Badger Avenue is a natural extension of bike lanes that are being installed as part of construction work on Badger Avenue (north of Packard Street) this summer. The new markings will also serve to more clearly define this extremely wide roadway and reduce traffic speeds.

We want to reassure you that that <u>no on-street parking will be lost</u> on the stretch of Badger Avenue from Packard Street to College Avenue when bike lanes are added. Our engineering staff examined the option for this section of Badger Avenue and determined the street is wide enough to accommodate parking on both sides of the street in addition to bike lanes. A drawing is included with this letter to show you what the configuration will look like.

Parking will be next to the curb with bike lanes next to the driving lanes. There will be no changes to parking and no additional restrictions for parking with this change.

This project will be on the Municipal Services Committee meeting agenda on July 21st at 6:30 p.m. You are welcome to attend this meeting to share any thoughts you may have. However, because there is no change to onstreet parking with the addition of bike lanes, the item will not be voted on by the committee. Funding for this project was already approved in conjunction with the larger Badger Avenue reconstruction project.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, feel free to contact me at 832-3958 (email: eric.lom@appleton.org) with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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

C: Alderperson Christine Williams (District 10)

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