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MEMO

To: Municipal Services Committee
From: Danielle Block, P.E. Director of Public Works
Date: January 27, 2023
Re: Status Update – Resolution #10-R-22 – Alternate Lawe Street Truck Route

Department of Public Works staff has reviewed and discussed various elements included in Resolution #10-R-22 submitted by Alderperson Meltzer, District 2 and Alderperson Del Toro, District 4.

As part of our analysis, we will explore removing the Truck Route designation from Lawe Street between College Avenue and Hancock Street and finding an alternate route for truck traffic to travel north and south. This analysis will occur at the early stages of the Lawe Street reconstruction design. The design of Lawe Street will be completed by an external consultant under the Wisconsin Department of Transportation STP-Urban BIL project 4984-24-74/75.

We anticipate the design project will be awarded to a consultant in the summer of 2023, with preliminary design beginning shortly thereafter. The analysis of the truck route will be a collaborative effort between City Staff and the selected design consultant.

We will report out at a future meeting in 2023 with our findings and recommendations.

Thank you.

#10-R-22
Alternate Lawe Street Truck Route

Date: August 3, 2022

Submitted By: Ald. Meltzer, District 2, & Ald. Del Toro, District 4

Referred To: Department of Public Works

Whereas large commercial trucks on Lawe Street have long been a problem for the neighborhood both as a nuisance and a safety issue, causing damage to road conditions and home infrastructure; and

Whereas amenities, such as bike lanes, and safe walkable street crossings add value to neighborhoods, but inner city truck routes, impose a burden on neighborhoods; and

Whereas Lawe Street is scheduled for surface reconstruction in 2025, underground work in 2024, and design and planning 2023; and

Whereas large commercial truck traffic will have to be re-routed during the reconstruction work on Lawe Street, this provides an opportunity to make permanent changes as well as explore options to save on cost of materials;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that when the redesign comes up prior to Lawe Street's reconstruction, staff will explore removing the Truck Route designation from Lawe Street between College Avenue and Hancock Street, and finding an alternate route for truck traffic to travel north and south.