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To: Municipal Services Committee
From: Eric Lom, City Traffic Engineer
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Re: Parking restriction change on Washington Street, east & west of Park Avenue (N side)
Follow-Up to Six-Month Trial Period

The Traffic Section was recently contacted by a representative from Lawrence University regarding sight line issues for drivers and pedestrians at the intersection of Washington Street and Park Avenue, a "T" intersection located north of College Avenue and east of Drew Street.

Vehicles are generally parked bumper to bumper in this area during the school year. In addition, they often park too close to the crosswalks at Park Avenue (state law prohibits parking within 15 feet of a marked or unmarked crosswalk), making it extremely difficult for southbound drivers to see to the east and west when attempting to turn onto Washington Street. This also makes it difficult for pedestrians and drivers to see each other at the intersection.

Based on the traffic and pedestrian volumes at this intersection, we initiated a 6-month trial to prohibit parking to the east and west of the intersection's north side. We believe this has increased safety and we have received no negative feedback from the neighborhood regarding this change. As such, we recommend making the change permanent.

To accomplish this, the following ordinance action is required:

1. **Create:** "Parking be prohibited on the north side of Washington Street from a point 30 feet west of Park Avenue to a point 40 feet east of Park Avenue."