

Melendez, Yadira

From: Brian Manzella <brianmm111@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2023 11:22 AM
To: Melendez, Yadira
Subject: Brady Street comment

Yadira,

Good morning! I am writing to provide comment on agenda item 16 (Brady Street) from today's Public Works Committee Meeting if that is alright. I unfortunately had to leave early due to a schedule conflict before I could provide comment.

Brady Street is a vibrant street with high pedestrian activity. I fully support the concept of full pedestrianization of this street & love the idea brought up by Alderman Brostroff of rapid implementation of nightly street closures (similar to Water Street) until the more permanent BID is completed.

There was concern about bus routing, but my thought is why can't the bus just continue (slowly) through the closed street? I believe rerouting the bus is the worst possible approach as making the bus route more confusing could encourage drunk people to drive home instead of taking the bus. Personally, I would love to see a pedestrianized street with a bus route within.

The issue with this street isn't the buses (or even delivery drivers for the local businesses).. They have enhanced commercial drivers licenses & have their jobs on the line if they drive recklessly. Considering the low frequency of such vehicles, particularly at night, I don't see any issue with letting these vehicles navigate a semi-pedestrianized space.

The main issue is private vehicles. Even during the day, the drivers of private cars and motorcycles make this road chaos! It is super common to see people flying through with no regard to the crosswalks or motorcycles flying down doing wheelies. Even with the present high visibility crosswalks & curb bump outs, it is still scary to cross this street.

If pedestrianization is not possible, I would love to suggest the addition of stop signs at every intersection. Currently, a majority of the intersections on Brady street do not have any sort of traffic control & allow for vehicles to continue through without stopping. While stop signs wouldn't necessarily stop the reckless drivers, they would slow the law abiding drivers in a manner that would ultimately slow overall flow of traffic & make crossing the street easier. The slower traffic speeds & tedious nature of needing to stop every 50 feet could also help to encourage drivers to choose alternate routes.

Stop signs are cheap and easy to install. They would be a great approach towards making Brady Street safer.

Thank you so much!

-Brian Manzella

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From: Daniel Welytok <danieljwelytok@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2023 4:31 AM
To: Melendez, Yadira
Subject: DPW Hearing

Hello. I will not be able to attend today's meeting about making Brady street safer for pedestrians. I therefore wanted to reach out via email to let the common council know that I am very concerned about the recent incident and I do not believe Brady is safe for pedestrians as is. I believe the only way to make the street safe is by making the street pedestrian-only, at least during peak nightlife hours. I urge the common council to make Brady street pedestrian-only as soon as possible.

Melendez, Yadira

From: Avery Aten <aveaten@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 9:31 PM
To: Melendez, Yadira
Subject: Brady Street

I live at St Rita Square 2 blocks over from Brady Street, and the persistent disorderly driving and alcohol fueled bad behavior is endangering everyone in our neighborhood, visitors and residents alike. The children next door at Cass Street school do not need to lose a classmate from reckless driving, and we need serious and sober solutions to make our neighborhood safe, so please persist in finding solutions for pedestrian, bicycle, and wheelchair safety for us, both young and old. Thanks, Avery Aten, 728 E Pleasant #1109

Melendez, Yadira

From: Mitchell Henke <mitchell@mitchellhenke.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 5:29 PM
To: Melendez, Yadira
Subject: Support for partial Brady Street Pedestrianization (File 230245)

Hello,

My name is Mitchell Henke and I serve on the City's Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee. In my personal capacity, I am strongly in favor of pedestrianizing the proposed section of Brady Street. The city government committed to Vision Zero last year with the goal of having zero traffic fatalities and severe injuries. The Pedestrian Plan was published in 2019 and highlighted Brady Street as one of the corridors on the High Injury Network.

We have had far too many crashes resulting in injuries and death in this area. It is beyond time for words to become action here. The City must make drastic changes to improve pedestrian safety on Brady Street.

Thank you,
- Mitchell Henke

Melendez, Yadira

From: Michael Sampson <msampson@swarmmevents.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 4:51 PM
To: Melendez, Yadira
Cc: Brostoff, Jonathan
Subject: Brady street (one way)

Yadira,

Can we start with something easy?

One way traffic going east.

The street during the winter is not wide enough to support snow buildup and 2 lanes of traffic.

Making it a one way allows for parking still on both sides, makes it safer for bikes and pedestrians, keeps bus routes open and cuts down on overall traffic, maybe enough to put in speed bumps? I don't know what that number is. Would also clear up the farwell, Brady intersection for soon to be hotel construction traffic.

See you at the meeting and thank you for your hard work on this.

Michael Sampson

Sent from my iPhone

Melendez, Yadira

From: Chris Conrad <cconrad@pabst.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 4:25 PM
To: Melendez, Yadira
Cc: Brostoff, Jonathan; Jackson, Benjamin (CC)
Subject: Public Safety Discussion: Brady St

Hello Yadira,

I am unable to attend the Common Council public safety discussion regarding Brady Street on Wednesday, June 7. However, I would like to make it known that I am in full support of making Brady Street or a significant section of Brady Street, pedestrian-only.

The current pedestrian environment on Brady Street is unacceptable. Closing the street to vehicular traffic is a sound and proven method to slow and divert traffic elsewhere. I understand a closure of this magnitude raises logistical concerns for businesses and residents. But, I ask you: if all other forward thinking cities of the world can figure it out, why can't Milwaukee? I understand people will be upset about parking, increased travel times, and deliveries. Again, I ask you: what about all the citizens that want to use Brady Street without a vehicle? Everyone has the right to feel safe while using the street: walkers, cyclists, those with accessibility needs, strollers, residents, visitors, and potential customers.

The pedestrianization of Brady Street also directly supports the following City of Milwaukee planning efforts:

- City of Milwaukee's commitment to VISION ZERO
- City of Milwaukee Complete Streets Policy
- Gathering Places Feasibility Study

Please do what is right and not what is easy. Pedestrian Brady Street.

Thank you for your consideration,

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