

Dear Alderman Perez,

I want safer routes for walkers, bikers, bussers, and drivers so they can get to Lincoln Avenue School safely! I am a student at Lincoln Avenue School. I walk to and from school every day. On my way to school I see a lot of very reckless driving. Multiple people feel the need to speed in order to get past a yellow light before it turns red. When I am waiting for my signal to walk and two of the lanes are stopped, everybody in the turn lane turns while their lane is still stopped. They need to be informed that they are endangering people!

Our class came together to discuss the problems of traffic safety in our neighborhood. Then we separated into groups to come up with some possible solutions. My group said that there are three main areas by our school that were the most hazardous. Our main concern is the intersection of 18th Street and Lincoln Avenue. Lincoln Ave is a straight shot street that has way too much speeding. When parents drop off their kids, stopped cars cause traffic. All kids come and leave that way before and after school. We need to reduce traffic on 18th Street and Lincoln Ave. Secondly, our group is concerned about 19th Street and Lincoln Avenue. In the morning before school, teachers come through 19th Street and Lincoln Avenue to park in the parking lot. They have trouble coming in because people are always speeding! My group is concerned for all of the people that may be in danger. Lastly, we are concerned about 19th Street and Hayes Street. Most teachers at our school leave school out of Hayes Street parking lot when school is over. Parent pickup also happens on the Hayes Street parking lot exit. Traffic also builds up because other people that live on Hayes Street are leaving and that causes traffic as well. People also speed and scoop around to try and get out of traffic.

We would like to add certain safety measures we feel are necessary for our neighborhood. In order to reduce the amount of speeding and scooping we would like to add a speed hump on 19th Street between Lincoln Avenue

and Hayes Street. So most people will slow down. We also want to add a Pedestrian Crossing sign on the Lincoln Avenue intersection. We would like to add it to try and increase the notability for people crossing the streets. Hopefully we will also be able to reduce the amount of scooping because cars will hit the crossing sign. The good thing is the sign has a spring and will bounce back up when it gets hit. We think we should add 2 more pedestrian crossing signs on 19th Street and Lincoln Avenue for extra safety. We would like to add a 3-d optical illusion crosswalk on the intersection of 18th Street and Lincoln Avenue to hopefully reduce the amount of adults and kids being hit per day. The optical illusion is made with paint. It is intended to look like multiple big blocks of wood are in the road so drivers will be extra cautious when driving in that area. On Lincoln Avenue at the intersection, we want a pedestrian beacon with flashing lights. We feel that if drivers can see the sign, hopefully they will slow down and let people cross without speeding by.

I think you should consider giving our group's improvements a chance. We don't want anybody being scared to cross the street just because they could get hurt or die. We want everybody to go outside and walk, bike, or drive wherever they need to go.

In conclusion, I think you should pick our group's plan because our plan ensures the safety of the kids at our school and the citizens of our neighborhood. I need to get to school safely so I can learn and fulfill my childhood dream!

Sincerely,

**LINCOLN ELEMENTARY
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Dear Department of Public Works,

I want safer routes for walkers, bikers, and drivers to get to Lincoln Avenue School. The speeding on Lincoln Avenue is unacceptable because it's a school zone where families live and kids walk to school. I live right across the street from Lincoln Avenue School and I cross the street everyday to come to and from school. We need a consistent crossing guard that comes everyday and more ways to force drivers to slow down.

These are the streets that our group identified as the top 3 in need of improvements that have the biggest problems for our environment. 18th Street and Lincoln Avenue is the street we really need to focus on because of all the people who cross in the intersection where kids and cars pull up to drop off their kids off for school. 19th Street and Lincoln Avenue is also an area of concern because that's where I live and I hear a lot of squealing cars because they go too fast and when they want to stop there, they mess up their tires. I think we need to put a speed hump there because it will stop people from zooming down through the intersection. 18th Street and Hayes Street is the last intersection of concern because there is a lot of traffic that we need to stop. That's where parents come out from dropping off their kids and picking them up from school.

Here are the infrastructures me and my group picked to help make those streets safer. We would like the city to put down some curb extensions on the corner of 18th Street and Lincoln Avenue so there would be less traffic and car crashes. In my neighborhood, I see a lot of drivers swooping around each other and if they do, they're going to drive across the rocky path and their tires will get messed up. We would also like the city to put in a 3-D optical illusion high visibility crosswalk on Lincoln Avenue where 19th Street intersects because the crosswalk has faded away due to all the cars that drive over it everyday. 19th Street and Lincoln Avenue is where I live, that's why I want them to think they're running into a piece of wood instead of me! Finally, we would like a traffic circle put up on 19th

Street of Lincoln Avenue where it intersects with Hayes Street . There are stop signs on 19th Street, but not on Hayes Street. So many cars drive through the alley there and out of the teacher's parking lot. There are a lot of parents leaving with their kids in cars and some kids walk that way to go home too. We need a traffic circle so we won't have car crashes and people getting run over.

I think the DOT should pick my group's plan because we'll make our neighborhood a better and safer place. It won't just make it better for walkers and bikers, but for everybody because everybody needs to achieve their goal and you can't do that if the environment is not safe. Kids need to go to school. Someone using cell phones or speeding while driving is not acceptable and gets in the way when harming someone's life.

In conclusion, the area needs a change and we are the ones who are going to change it. DPW thank you for this opportunity to let the kids of the neighborhood use their voices to help make a difference in their environment.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mayor Barrett and Aderman Perez,

Room 27 from Lincoln Avenue, worked with the Bike federation to find ways to make areas around the school more safe for pedestrians. We got to try ideas on a big map of the area that our school is in. We all had ideas so we put the options that we had on the map. We all did really well. We also did this under the budget we received. Every single classmate worked hard on this and took it seriously. The Bike federation regarded the presentations of room 27 as the best.

The city of Milwaukee should pick the implementation of our group because our map is really reasonable to the traffic problems around this area. We did a really good job and I feel that ours would help the most. We put so much effort into helping the community improve traffic infrastructure. We can also give Lincoln Avenue a better name and people throughout Milwaukee could know what this school did for their communities and other peoples communities. This will also inspire other schools to do something good for their communities.

Milwaukee should do these activities because that would let other children know that they also have a voice to the community. I think that kids in the community would also improve their perseverance skill. Schools would also have better confidence because when they feel frustrated when they are having a hard time in school, They would remember that they were part of the people that helped the community. Milwaukee should do this with more schools because we are not the only school that is in danger of traffic. I believe every school that really needs the help should get it. If we do this for every school in need, lives would constantly be saved.

It is very important that we build child friendly cities with infrastructure to protect children. If we don't, the death of pedestrians will increase every year. Drivers in Milwaukee are getting more reckless which puts more

children in danger of getting killed on the street. We need this because if a kid gets killed because a car ran the child over, the child's family would suffer. The child also would not be able to experience a full life. If something like this happens and nobody does anything to prevent this from happening, more kids will constantly be dieng by car accidents. We do not want this to happen. No child ever deserves to be killed at such an early age.

Thank you for considering this letter. We want to let you know that we are grateful for the opportunities you gave Lincoln Avenue. Thank you for reading our proposals. We want to prevent accidents and deaths.

Sincerely, **LINCOLN ELEMENTARY
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2-7-20

Dear Department of Public Works,

I want safer routes for walkers, bikers and drivers to get to Lincoln Avenue School. It will help kids and adults get to school and work faster and safer. People could get hurt because there are not many signs. In Milwaukee pedestrians were injured or killed every 5 hours and 12 minutes. This is very dangerous because some students that go to Lincoln Avenue walk to get here.

There are 3 top areas that we are concerned about. The first area is the front of the school which is 18th in Lincoln. We are concerned about that area because it's in front of the school and a lot of cars come in front and sometimes do not stop for us. The second area is the intersection of 20th in Lincoln. We are trying to get that fixed because cars can not see us from all the way down there and they could be speeding and we could get hit. The last spot we are concerned about is 19th street. 19th was where a car accident happened just last week.

These are the infrastructures we wanted to put out there. We wanted to put out 2 traffic circles to slow kids and drivers down. We also added 1 high visibility crosswalk. The second last thing we added was 2 curb extension. The last thing we added was 3 in-street pedestrians crossing signs. That will equal up to 75,000 dollars.

In my opinion the D.P.W should pick my teams plan because we worked hard to plan where the infrastructures should be. It is an honor for us to get the money. It will stop a lot of lives from ending. It will make it more safe to get to school.

However, let's not forget about people's pets. We don't want any living thing to end up dead. Pets are a big part of the pedestrian community.

I strongly feel we need to have safer routes to Lincoln Avenue School. Please consider our plan that we designed.

Thank You,

**LINCOLN ELEMENTARY
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Dear Alderman Perez ,

I want safer routes for walkers, bikers, and drivers to get to Lincoln Avenue School. I want to change the streets because there can be an accident around my school. There are four people in my class that walk to school and I don't want them to be involved in an accident. If we make the correct changes and make our streets close to Lincoln Avenue School safer, that will be avoided.

There are three areas that my team and I would like to be fixed. One of the concerns is 18th St. and 19th St. because there are many cars that speed on these streets and it is dangerous for people crossing. It would be helpful to have a traffic circle to slow down the drivers. This could be built on 19th Street and Hayes Ave. Drivers would have to go around it which will make them have to slow down. To stop speeding even more in the area, after the traffic circle on 19th Street, we could add a speed bump. A pedestrian beacon could help let drivers know that people are crossing the road. It eliminates the risk of getting hit by a car. Therefore, we would like one to be added to 18th Street and Hayes Av. These changes would stop the speeding drivers in 18th and 19th street.

Another area that we see that has a problem is the intersection of 18th street and Lincoln Avenue. It is dangerous to cross because there are a lot of cars passing by. It would help if we added four highly visible crosswalks so drivers can see them more clearly on 18th street and Lincoln Ave. If we could put more school crossing signs all around the school, it would help let the drivers know to slow down because they are in a school zone. The changes on these streets will help people who walk because it would be safer to cross to the sidewalks.

Lincoln Avenue is the last area that we would like some changes. It is hard to cross Lincoln Avenue because there are cars coming from both sides. You risk getting run over. A crossing island would be helpful for people crossing on Lincoln Avenue because they can stop there to wait for the cars to pass. In-street pedestrian signs would be a good reminder to drivers that people are crossing and to be more aware. We recommend these be installed on Lincoln Avenue and 18th Street and another one on Lincoln Avenue and 19th Street. With all the modifications it will help the drivers be more alert and aware of the people walking, creating a safer area.

If these changes are made it will be a lot safer for people who walk because many of the problems they face will be decreased.

Thank you for your consideration,

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02/07/20

Dear Alderman Perez,

In this letter I'm going to tell you about the reasons why we should have more traffic signs and why I want safer routes in my school. I want safer routes for walkers, bikers, and drivers to get to Lincoln Ave School. If the streets are safer this will help me and all pedestrians because this way they can feel safer in streets walking, biking, or driving. I want all my friends to come to school and feel safer.

There are lots of busy and dangerous streets near Lincoln Ave School. But the ones that concern me the most are 19th and Lincoln, 18th and Lincoln, and also 19th and W Grant St. Lincoln is very busy and dangerous for all people who walk in this street. Another really busy street is 18th and Lincoln. It is even more dangerous than 19th Street because this street is closer to our school. 19th and Grant is not that close to our school but some cars come from there to our school and they come at high speeds.

18th and Lincoln is where most cars pass so they can leave their kids at school. But when they are driving they do not pay attention to the pedestrians walking on the streets. That's why we decided that in this street there should be more high visibility crosswalks. When cars are driving and people are crossing the drivers could see pedestrians walking. High visibility crosswalks are different than the normal crosswalk because this crosswalk is more visible for drivers to see. Sometimes the drivers don't listen to the traffic signs, they ignore them. This is why the streets are so dangerous for all pedestrians that walk, bike, and also to the drivers because this increases car crashes. To avoid car accidents and so that cars can see when pedestrians are walking there should be a crossing island. If there is a crossing island, cars will go slower and they will be able to see all pedestrians walking. The bad part is that this street is narrow and nothing big could really be added. On this street there could also be a three-dimensional crosswalk so drivers think they are going to crash with something forcing them to slow down and stop.

19th and Lincoln is also a street close to our school. On this street, there should be pedestrian beacons and a high visibility crosswalk so cars see the light flashing and know it means that someone

wants to cross the street. Hopefully, the cars will stop so the people could cross. In this street, there could also be an in-street pedestrian crossing sign so the drivers could see that people cross a lot in that area because there is a school. Additionally, there could be some school crossing signs that will say there is a school close by and drivers should be aware of when pedestrians are passing. If these things are added, the cars will slow down when they are driving on the streets close to our school. It will be safer for all pedestrians.

If you travel through 19th and Grant St. you will see it is also one of the streets that pedestrians use to get to school. If they are walking, in a car, or in any other types of transportation they should want this street to be safer. On this street, the cars go at high speeds. To stop this speeding there should be a traffic circle. If there is a traffic circle on this street, when cars are coming to school they will have to slow down because the traffic circle is going to be there. It will be safer for everybody. Between this street and the 18th St. and Lincoln Ave there should be an in-street pedestrian crossing sign. If there is an in-street pedestrian crossing sign, cars will slow down when they are close to the school and it will be safer for all the community. If these changes are being added, it will make our community safer and also cleaner because people are not going to use their cars and there would not be as much pollution. All cars will drive slower and pay more attention to see if pedestrians are crossing or not and this will also decrease the chances of car crashes.

If all of these changes happen our school community will be safer for all pedestrians. These are some of the few traffic controls that I think will help the community around the school. I hope all streets that are close to our school become safer for all pedestrians.

Thank you for your consideration,

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3-3-20

Dear Department of Public Works,

The people of Lincoln Avenue Community need safer routes for walkers, bikers and drivers to get to Lincoln Avenue School. I live in the neighborhood and I have seen lots of accidents happen. Recently, someone crashed into the corner store. Thankfully, no one was hurt, but the store was badly damaged. Something has to be done. One solution is to add additional infrastructures, We do not want these additional infrastructures, we need them

One of the problems is, there is too much speeding in the streets and that could cause a car crash or could get someone injured or even killed. Also, there is a lot of congestion in front of our school and all around the neighborhood that could cause accidents or risk the safety of pedestrians trying to cross the street. Additionally, there is illegal parking at the end of the day or in the morning. There are cars parked where school busses are trying to pick up or drop off students and this interferes with the bus drivers ability to get kids to school safely or get them home. Cars are parking where buses are supposed to be and consequently, the kids are usually late to class.

We have to fix that. One solution is to add 4 high visibility crosswalks on 20th Street and Lincoln Avenue, 16th Street and Lincoln Avenue, 19th Street and Lincoln Avenue and 18th Street and Lincoln Avenue. This would get driver's attention and consequently, warn people to stop or to slow down. In addition, 2 crossing islands should be added on 18th Street and Grant and 20th Street and Grant. This would allow pedestrians to be more visible in the middle of the street and as a result, allow pedestrians to cross safely. Another infrastructure that would be helpful would be 1 speed hump on 16th street between Lincoln Avenue and Grant. Speed humps are useful because if people do not slow down their car will get damaged or they can get injured. Another necessary infrastructure is In-Street Pedestrian Crossing Signs. These would be

needed at Lincoln Avenue and 16th Street, 18th Street, 19th Street, and 20th Street and Lincoln Avenue. The purpose would be to have the drivers slow down because since they are in the middle of the road, drivers will see the crossing signs in the middle of the road and know this spot is a place for people to cross.

We need all of these infrastructures to have a safer community so all people can move around without the fear for their safety. This is our community. Let's make it safe for everyone.

Sincerely,

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There are three areas that my team and I would like to be fixed. One of the concerns is 18th St. and 19th St. because there are many cars that speed on these streets and it is dangerous for people crossing. It would be helpful to have a traffic circle to slow down the drivers. This could be built on 19th Street and Hayes Ave. Drivers would have to go around it which will make them have to slow down. To stop speeding even more in the area, after the traffic circle on 19th Street, we could add a speed bump. A pedestrian beacon could help let drivers know that people are crossing the road. It eliminates the risk of getting hit by a car. Therefore, we would like one to be added to 18th Street and Hayes Av. These changes would stop the speeding drivers in 18th and 19th street.

Another area that we see that has a problem is the intersection of 18th street and Lincoln Avenue. It is dangerous to cross because there are a lot of cars passing by. It would help if we added four highly visible crosswalks so drivers can see them more clearly on 18th street and Lincoln Ave. If we could put more school crossing signs all around the school, it would help let the drivers know to slow down because they are in a school zone. The changes on these streets will help people who walk because it would be safer to cross to the sidewalks.

Lincoln Avenue is the last area that we would like some changes. It is hard to cross Lincoln Avenue because there are cars coming from both sides. You risk getting run over. A crossing island would be helpful for people crossing on Lincoln Avenue because they can stop there to wait for the cars to pass. In-street pedestrian signs would be a good reminder to drivers that people are crossing and to be more aware. We recommend these be installed on Lincoln Avenue and 18th Street and another one on Lincoln Avenue and 19th Street. With all the modifications it will help the drivers be more alert and aware of the people walking, creating a safer area.

If these changes are made it will be a lot safer for people who walk because many of the problems they face will be decreased.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Dear Department of Public works,

The Lincoln Avenue Community need additional infrastructures that would provide safer routes for walkers, bikers, and drivers to get to and home from Lincoln Avenue School. I have seen many accidents near the school and we can get killed or severely injured. Nobody wants that.

I have some concerns regarding the safety of the people in this community and believe I have some solutions on how to make the streets safer. One solution is to add high visibility crosswalks on 18th and Lincoln avenue and 19th and Lincoln Avenue because it should get driver's attention and as a result, slow down speeding drivers. Another badly needed infrastructure is a crossing island on 17 street and Lincoln avenue street. Because Lincoln Avenue is two way traffic, crossing islands allow people to stop and check traffic while crossing the street. In addition, people would be visible to drivers. There is another area of concern which is on 19th and Hayes. There is also a lot of congestion, and many times we have found ourselves stuck in traffic. Traffic circles would improve the traffic by slowing traffic down and allowing a better flow of traffic. Traffic circles force drivers to slow down because cars are coming in from all sides. Since traffic circles force drivers to slow down, this is especially important during bad weather.

My plan provides infrastructures to make the streets safer for everyone in our Lincoln Avenue Community and people entering our community. It is obvious these are needed to improve our home. Consider my ideas as they were designed to do just that.

Sincerely,

**LINCOLN ELEMENTARY
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February 7, 2020

Dear Department of Public work,

I want safer routes for walkers, bikers, and drivers, and pets to get to Lincoln Avenue school so I stay safe through my journey to Lincoln Avenue School. As you know, people in America love cars like SUVs, some people love to drive trucks and larger cars. If pedestrians who walk get struck by a large vehicle they can get injured and get taken to the hospital.

The top 3 areas of concern around Lincoln Avenue School are 18th and Hayes street because this area has a lot of heavy traffic. The second area concern is both on 18th and 16th streets. These streets are always busy no matter what time of day. The last area of concern is out in front of my school on Lincoln Avenue because there are long lines of cars some are going to my school and some are not. The street is very narrow and does not leave space for parents to drop off their kids. Plus, we have several large and small yellow school busses bringing in students.

So, to increase safety on our main Lincoln Avenue out in front of my school we would need speed bump crosswalk and a upgraded curb extension and another curb extension that is not upgraded also a high visibility crosswalk for people to see when it is foggy. Also we will need to have a pedestrian beacon a traffic circle and a crossing island, also a street pedestrian crossing sign.

You should choose this infrastructure plan so we can keep kids safe at Lincoln Avenue school. Also so we can be alive and so people can stop speeding and crashing into kids or pets.

I hope you all consider my school's safety plan for 2020. This plan will make sure kids' families will have a safe future.

Thank you!

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