

Melendez, Yadira

From: Brostoff, Jonathan
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 7:33 PM
To: Kevin G
Cc: Bauman, Robert; Coggs, Milele; Mayor; Melendez, Yadira
Subject: Re: Support 240144 and Lake Dr Reconstruction

Thanks, CCing Yadira for the record.

In service,

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On May 28, 2024, at 16:00, Kevin G <germino.kevin@gmail.com> wrote:

All,

Please support the passage of 240144 at this week PWC meeting so the Lake Dr reconstruction can move forward. The plan has flaws but overall will be a very nice improvement for area residents, drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians.

We've been discussing this project for years and the objections are focused on the design of the street not the assessments for driveway aprons. Let's not trip over the finish line and risk substantially delaying the much-needed reconstruction.

Thanks
Kevin Germino
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Melendez, Yadira

From: Alexander Pendleton <pendleton@pendletonlegal.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2024 1:11 PM
To: John Knetzger; Linda Keane
Cc: Melendez, Yadira; Wineberg, Jessica; Robert Burns; kirsten@wisconsinbikefed.org; chri@wfbsafe.org; alde3@milwaukee.gov; Tom.Talajkowski@gmail.com; Tom Kuhlmann (tkuhlmann3920@icloud.com); Mara Kuhlmann; Jeff Miller
Subject: RE: Ensuring that the New Lake Drive is Safe and Better for All Users

John (*et al.*) -- First, thanks to you and everybody else who weighed in. Second, I apologize for the late notice on this, but I just heard about this issue, and the level of local opposition by some Lake Drive residents. Here is an update, as to the Committee's decision this morning: the efforts to eliminate PBLs from the plans relating to Lake Drive in Milwaukee failed (at least at the Committee level).

I listened in this morning to the hearing, and there was some fierce opposition from Lake Drive residents to PBLs being added to Lake Drive. Many of the arguments were similar to the opposition comments re PBLs made by Lake Drive residents in Shorewood. Fortunately, there were at least two Milwaukee residents who spoke in favor of PBLs, and (crucially) City of Milwaukee DPW staff stood behind the City's Complete Streets Policy, PBLs in general, and the process and public engagement process that the City has been following for several years now. After about an hour of hearing public comments and comments from staff, the Committee voted 4-1 to recommend the Lake Drive reconstruction project proceed as designed. The proposal next goes to the full Milwaukee City Council. (Or, we may see a lawsuit by Lake Drive residents, alleging lack of notice, or lack of due process.)

I think the different outcome in Milwaukee (compared to Shorewood) comes down to staff, and the aldermans' commitment to the Milwaukee Complete Streets Policy. (Although we also weren't helped in Shorewood by who we had as a WisDOT rep regarding the Lake Drive project in Shorewood.)

Bottom line, if we are going to make progress in Shorewood in the future, we need to recognize: (1) any time in the future when we propose a project involving elimination of on-street free parking, we should expect a fight; (2) it is very important that Shorewood adopt a *real* complete streets policy (rather than elected officials always just giving lip service to complete street considerations); and (3) if we are going to get better streets in Shorewood, it is important that we have a broad coalition of a variety of types of residents who are willing to engage with elected officials and Village staff on these issues. Speaking of which, the next Public Engagement Session relating to updating Shorewood's 2015 Ped/Bike Master Plan (and adopting a complete streets policy in Shorewood) is next Thursday evening, from 5:00 to 6:30 at the Village Center. I hope all Shorewood residents cc'ed on this email will stop by that evening. Cheers.

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From: John Knetzger <jjk123@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2024 11:45 AM
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Subject: Re: Ensuring that the New Lake Drive is Safe and Better for All Users

Hello Alexander,

I agree that Lake Drive is a vital route for bicyclists, especially for me who cannot hear traffic. I cycle on Lake + Lincoln Memorial drives to work at the Rockwell Automation office downtown. The safety of bicyclists sharing the road with motorized vehicles should not be an "optional" part of the design.

FYI - per WisDOT website, the Milwaukee segment of State Hwy 32 (Edgewood-Kenwood) will be done this summer, and then the Shorewood segment will be done next year (which will also include combined storm & sanitary sewer utility work which is also being done on Downer Avenue). I am concerned the design spanning both segments may not be "seamless". In my opinion and experience, the Lake Drive / Kenwood intersection is the most dangerous part of both segments.

On behalf of all Lake Drive bicyclists, thank you for representing us!

Best regards,

John Knetzger (Shorewood)

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From: Linda Keane <lkeane@saic.edu>
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2024 8:32:06 AM
To: Alexander Pendleton <pendleton@pendletonlegal.com>
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Subject: Re: Ensuring that the New Lake Drive is Safe and Better for All Users

Dear Alexander, I am just home this morning and catching up with email. Thank you for this strong recommendation. When we moved to Lake Drive the daily traffic was around 12,000 cars. Now, with all of the construction, it is above 30,000 or more. It is crazy. In front of our own house, we have seen three cars totaled: cars driving on the greenway, cars taking out trees and bushes when the drive curves, and a driver veering into bikers and knocking them over. I am sorry I missed the meeting last night, but I am all for dedicated bike lanes on Lake Drive. It is a scenic Highway and must accommodate safe bike practices.

Linda

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On Thu, May 30, 2024 at 8:13 AM Alexander Pendleton <pendleton@pendletonlegal.com> wrote:

Dear Members of the Milwaukee Public Works Committee:

I am the president of Greater Shorewood Bikers, Inc., an organization that works to promote more biking, and better and safer streets and infrastructure for biking and walking in Milwaukee County. I write to you on behalf of my organization's more than 300 members. I urge you to support the adding of protected bike lanes ("PBLs") on Lake Drive, when it is reconstructed.

I am highly familiar with Lake Drive, as I use that street practically every day (as a driver, walker, runner, dog walker or biker). I am a business owner, and my office is downtown on Wisconsin Avenue, so Lake Drive is often the best option for me to get to or from my office. I know from personal experience that Lake Drive is an important recreational-and-healthy-living corridor for thousands of Milwaukee County residents who are looking for a safe and beautiful place to walk, run or bike.

My organization and its members are very much interested in ensuring that Lake Drive is safe to walk, run and bike on. That means as Lake Drive is re-built, **it is vitally important that a complete streets approach be taken**, and the design adopted is one that ensures that the new Lake Drive will be designed so that it becomes better and safer *for all users*.

Lake Drive is a world-class street, and it is essential that it have world-class bike infrastructure, and that means *protected bike lanes* (not mere paint). My group has for over a decade advocated for a *connected network* of high-quality bike lanes in Milwaukee County, and protected bike lanes on Lake Drive are a key part of any such network.

We know that the plans for reconstructing and redesigning Lake Drive in Milwaukee have been discussed for years now, and protected bike lanes have been part of the *public discussion* of those plans since at least December of 2022 (see City Engineer Kevin Muhs' letter dated 11/30/2022 to Lake Drive residents confirming the DOT had approved PBLs on Lake Drive).

PBLs on Lake Drive are needed. Very simply **PROTECTED BIKE LANES PROTECT LIVES, AND SAVE LIVES**. That statement is supported by years of research, and the Committee's decisions should be based on research, not mere subjective opinions. "Mere paint" doesn't do the job.

Putting aside the research, I am also personally aware of a bike accident on Lake Drive in Shorewood last year when a driver crossed the "fog line" and struck several riders at about 30 to 35 mph, seriously injuring one of them. I can send you the "GoPro" video of the accident, if you want to see the frightening details.

It is long past time for PBLs on Lake Drive. The desires of a few Lake Drive residents, should not trump the desires of the many who use Lake Drive every day to walk, run, or bike.

At its meeting today, and going forward on this project, I urge the Public Works Committee to take into account the needs and desires of vulnerable road users. Thank you for your consideration of the above comments. Very truly yours,

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From: Bauman, Robert
Subject: FW: Rezoning on Pierce

-----Original Message-----

From: Bauman, Robert
Sent: Friday, June 7, 2024 10:54 AM
To: Sunlitebuilding <sunlitebuilding@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Rezoning on Pierce

Thanks. Will have to be the week of June 17 since I am out of town next week.

-----Original Message-----

From: Sunlitebuilding <sunlitebuilding@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 6, 2024 11:01 AM
To: Bauman, Robert <rjbauma@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: Re: Rezoning on Pierce

We always can responsibly recycle lead we were wanting to try and get involved when the laterals were being taken out and remelt it all down and safely and responsibly recycle it.

But next week would be more than happy to remove it for you and get it properly managed and taken care of.

Andrew
414-412-5426

Sent from Andrew Kranick's iPhone

> On Jun 6, 2024, at 10:38 AM, Bauman, Robert <rjbauma@milwaukee.gov> wrote:

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> BTW, I have a 10' section of lead pipe sitting in my storage shed from when I repiped my home's potable water system with copper 25 years ago. It is like sitting on Kryptonite. Not sure what to do with it.

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> Can you guys take it off my hands?

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> Sent from my iPad

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>> On Jun 6, 2024, at 9:56 AM, Sunlitebuilding <sunlitebuilding@gmail.com> wrote:

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>> Thank you very much for the advice I greatly appreciate it and definitely will find out when our next bid meeting is and make a point of going and getting more involved in it!!

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>> Always up for a cigar and guidance and appreciate you being so dedicated to the city for all these years! We have been here for 45 and hope to be in Milwaukee for another 45 god willing!

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>>>> Sent from Andrew Kranick's iPhone

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