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City Action Plan to Address Neighborhood House Transportation Safety Issues

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Neighborhood House has raised safety concerns as a primary reason to demolish the Wadsworth House (2841 W. Richardson Pl.) and use that space for a bus turnaround facility. The city can authorize several actions that would effectively address these safety issues without demolishing the Wadsworth House.

1. Post loading zones on one or both sides of Richardson Pl. between 28th and 29th street. These loading zones would be available for school bus loading and unloading and pick-up and drop-off of students by other vehicles. Most schools in the city have such loading zones.
2. Close off Richardson Pl. from 28th to 29th St. with temporary barriers during school hours similar to the use of barriers for a block party. This would allow buses and other vehicles transporting students to have the exclusive use of the street in the front of Neighborhood House for staging and for the loading and unloading of students. During non-school hours the street would be open for public use. The City allows several schools to close streets and alleys for this purpose.
3. Vacate the Richardson Pl. street right-of-way from 28th to 29th St. and convey the right-of-way to Neighborhood House. The street would become part of the Neighborhood House property and it could be used by Neighborhood House to accommodate buses and other vehicles transporting students and used for staff and visitor parking. The street would no longer be available for public use.