



BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEMO

To: **Common Council**

From: Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Committee

Date: 5/3/2024

Subject: 90-day trial to close the median opening south of N 84th St and Blue Mound Road

A. Background/Rationale

The median opening is currently open to both pedestrian and vehicular users, which creates unnecessary conflicts.

Vehicles are most often using the median opening to perform a u-turn to drop off passengers to the Wisconsin Lutheran High School. Pedestrians use the opening for the marked mid-block crosswalk, with a bus stop on the west side and the school on the east side.

The opening previously was closed to vehicular traffic at the request of the school, but the barriers were removed at some point.

The opening is entirely within the City of Milwaukee, however the west side of the street is within the City of Wauwatosa. It is anticipated that the City of Milwaukee will have final say and/or install the closure, however the Committee feels that official motion will show Wauwatosa support of the closure.

B. Key Issues for Consideration

In order to provide the maximum safety benefit, the Committee recommends that the trial occurs when students will be present. Given the approval timeline, it is/was not possible to implement the trial during the 2023-24 school year.

C. Requested Action

Recommendation to the Transportation Affairs Committee for a 90-day trial to close the median opening south of N 84th St and Blue Mound Road and make it available only to pedestrians at the start of the 2024-25 school year.