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Subject: Merrimac Street Safety Items

Hi everyone,

Baseball and softball practices have started up and once again Merrimac Street is very dangerous for visitors to the park due to high vehicle speeds and lack of sidewalks and proper crossings. It's not just during games but all times of the day it is a challenge to cross the street, and is a challenge for children who walk or take the bus to/from school. This is true in the area the Council has designated a Safety Zone, but is also true throughout Merrimac Street, particularly from Mersen to the roundabout. Also please keep in mind that a new accessible playground will be installed in the park this year and we need to make sure there is safe and accessible access TO the park.

I had a good talk with Jon-Eric yesterday and we talked about the need for some of us to meet up again soon to discuss infrastructure plans for the street. In the immediate term, we need the portable signs back out there, which do help. Highest priority is three signs around the park - one at the main crosswalk, and one on either end say Plummer and a little past Moulton. Another priority is for school bus loading/unloading - so we would need the portable signs at the crosswalks at Doner, Christie, and Jefferson. I know I will also get a call for the crosswalk at Butler, so if you have an extra one for there as well, that would be great.

Richard - we could use some new temporary signs printed up for the no parking areas along Merrimac. Some of the ones from last year are there, but they are in very sad shape.

I have seen police activity on Merrimac lately, and it is very much appreciated!

There are other areas of Ward 4 that continue to have significant safety issues (ie Moseley, Rawson, High St), but I will address those in separate correspondence.

Thank you,
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