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Subject: Re: Unsafe pedestrian conditions on Crestland at 2111 Packard

Thanks Ryan! Like I said, even just putting up some cones and asking people to park farther up would be a big improvement until the sidewalk is ready.

On Fri, Nov 8, 2024 at 11:22 AM Ryan Tobias <[xxxxxxx@gmail.com](#)> wrote:

Molly,

Thank you for bringing this to my attention. I'm actually traveling back from Chicago today so I haven't seen this personally yet but I will go down there as I get back this afternoon to take a look and discuss with the team and make sure we're coordinating with the city.

I would think at worst this is a very temporary situation while we replace the sidewalk but clearly we can strive for a safer solution.

I'll report back ASAP.

Ryan

On Fri, Nov 8, 2024 at 11:15 AM Molly Kleinman <[xxxxxxx@gmail.com](#)> wrote:

Hi all!

The current stage of the 2111 Packard project has created unsafe bike and pedestrian conditions on Crestland near Packard, and this is a route to school for a bunch of kids on my side of Packard (hence the inclusion of Ward 4 CMs on this email). I have pictures below, but in sum: The sidewalk has been torn out, equipment storage and worker parking is happening on both sides of the street, and there is one lane for cars. Pedestrians have no option but to use that lane as well. The equipment and trucks are all very large, and even my very tall 9 year old doesn't reach the top of the hoods, so visibility is bad for both walkers and drivers. I've started walking her through that section, but I know other kids are traversing it solo. It connects to the only Packard crosswalk for several blocks.

I'm reaching out to all of you because I think solving this problem may require collaboration between the 2111 project and the city. If you make the workers park a bit farther up the street, where there is a sidewalk, you can create a protected walking lane in the street with cones or other barriers. Improved signage especially as drivers enter from Packard would also help.

Thank you for your swift attention to this safety concern.

Molly

P.S. I hope the Transportation Commission and City Council will prioritize implementing rules requiring the maintenance of safe pedestrian facilities during construction, even if that means temporarily removing parking or a car lane.