

To: City of Ann Arbor Transportation Commission

From: Emily Fichter (Gonzalez-Baradlay)

Subject: Concerns about the increase in foot traffic at the intersection of 7th St. and W Huron St. Date:
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Hi!

I am an Ann Arbor mom of a family of four living in the 800's in Seventh St. My kids are elementary students at Ann Arbor Open, 1st and 4th graders. We bike to and from Ann Arbor Open School. Since the school year started I have noticed more pedestrian traffic crossing the intersection of 7th St. and W. Huron. Also, I witnessed an increase of hazardous situations there that could end in an avoidable accident. Currently, it seems that the pedestrian buttons which supposedly control traffic lights don't seem to be adding much safety. I think we can do better.

Attached you may find a letter I would like to be included in the Transportation Commission agenda. I wish I could attend but two kids and not affordable child care makes joining your meeting a complicated adventure. The document included in this email illustrates what are these potential hazards I have seen and offers some suggestions of how to address them. I hope I can contribute to improving pedestrian safety at that intersection.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks for your consideration,

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