

December 16, 2014

Mayor Taylor and City Council members,

This letter references two proposed ordinance amendments that City Council postponed at first reading on October 6, 2014 in order to incorporate input from The Pedestrian Safety and Access Task Force.

Regarding File # 14-1443, 10/6/14 Amendment Chapter 126, Section 10:148: the Task Force requests that City Council not amend the referenced ordinance at this time. The Task Force is in the process of considering a broad review of pedestrian safety issues and our recommendations will be completed in August of 2015. The Task Force considered the possible confusion if the ordinance is revised and then reconsidered within just a few months. We also have begun to research and discuss what components would be part of an integrated and more comprehensive approach to improving crosswalk safety.

Regarding File # 14-1481, 10/6/14 Chapter 40 Vegetation: the Task Force does not have a recommendation at this time.

I, or any other member of the Task Force, would be happy to talk to any of you further about these questions or any other work that we are doing.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and for making pedestrian safety and access a priority issue for Ann Arbor.

On behalf of the Pedestrian Safety and Access Task Force,

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Resource page for the task force:
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