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Hi Linh and Chris,

Please ask staff to draft resolutions for your next meeting that do the following:

1. issue a change order to restripe Huron Parkway as a 2-3 lane road (if this cannot be accomplished, postpone the project like you did for Platt Road. If Eisenhower Parkway or other 4-5 lane roads are also up for repaving, those needs to be dieted as well)
2. eliminate or shorten the lengthy "neighborhood feedback" process currently required to reconfigure lanes
3. require road diets and roundabouts by default with every road resurfacing, absent staff analysis presented to Transportation Commission and Council
4. prohibit staff from using motorist convenience ("level of service") as a factor in safety analyses

Why?

- Road diets are well researched and have saved lives in Ann Arbor.
- Not implementing NO COST safety improvements like eliminating lanes will cost lives because they bake in speed and dangerous driving behavior that endangers pedestrians and drivers (including children at Huron High School).
- The decisions coming out of staff demonstrate that they—and therefore you—are not committed to your Vision Zero policy of eliminating road deaths and injuries by 2025.

Vision Zero requires more than words on paper, task forces, and tweaking the status quo. It requires a complete mind shift that acknowledges that road deaths are not inevitable, cars cannot be moving more than 25mph where there are uncontrolled crossings, and every road change is an opportunity to make sure car speeds are lower and everyone is safer. Many other cities have done it.

PLEASE FIX THIS.

Kirk