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To: City of Ann Arbor Transportation Commission <[REDACTED]@a2gov.org>
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Hello Transportation Commission,

I am forwarded an email I sent to my city council members about a dangerous situation I encountered yesterday at Plymouth and Nixon Roads, which appears to have been caused by the City's actions. My husband reports that, as of this morning, the walk signal is now working. I'd still appreciate someone from the City sharing with me an explanation of how this happened and what steps are being taken to prevent this from happening again. Thank you,

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From: Libby Benton <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, May 12, 2025 at 7:46 PM
Subject: City-caused dangerous pedestrian situation at Plymouth and Nixon
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Hello Councilmembers,

I hope this email finds you well. I wanted to share an upsetting traffic situation that happened to me this afternoon at Plymouth and Nixon Roads and ask that you take steps to make sure this does not happen again.

There is currently construction at Plymouth and Nixon, including Nixon Road being closed north of Plymouth. Around 4:15 I rode my bike south on Nixon to pick up my son from the North Campus Childrens Center. When I got to the Plymouth/Nixon intersection, I found one other biker and four pedestrians waiting to cross Plymouth and looking confused.

I pushed the beg button and the pedestrian signal never changed. The rest of the pedestrians and bikers and I waited several traffic cycles and the walk signal never changed. It also appeared that the traffic lights were timed such that there was never a safe time to cross Plymouth even if you watched the lights (greens to go through Plymouth and then green light on Nixon coming out of the UofM campus allowing

cars to turn right or left on to Plymouth). After a while, we all finally made a run for it. Unfortunately, I had to repeat the same situation again on the way home, with my 4-year-old son in a bike trailer.

I called the non-emergency line for the City and the staff was very helpful and receptive. I've been busy with the kids all evening and unable to follow up to make sure it's been fixed.

I'm very upset that a City staff member would knowingly select to allow no walk signal at an extremely busy and dangerous intersection where many students and families cross. It's my understanding from a neighbor that a similar problem happened when work was being done at Plymouth Road and Maiden Lane.

Could you please confirm that this problem has been fixed and changes have been put in place to ensure it does not happen again? Thank you,

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