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Subject: FW: Division and Packard crosswalk

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Good afternoon!

I am writing as a pedestrian and resident of the city of Ann Arbor. I walk to work every day, up State St to Packard to 4th St into downtown. I would like to report a concerning intersection that has on multiple occasions made me fear for my safety.

At Division and Packard, the crosswalk across Division on the north side of Packard is a very dangerous place for a walke. The crosswalk is hidden by the geometry of the intersection, and the 'long' right hand turn cars make from NW Packard to Division seems to make drivers forget to watch for pedestrians as they turn right. In a typical 4 way intersection, the crosswalk is immediately in front of the cars turning, so it tends to be safer.

Crossing this intersection makes me nervous daily. I have been honked at, yelled at, and have had multiple cars have to slam on their brakes to avoid hitting me. To be honest, only a few times over the last few months have I honestly felt like someone was checking to make sure they could turn safely, the crosswalk almost always seems to come as a surprise.

I would like to encourage the transportation counsel to take a look at this intersection in their upcoming planning. There are likely multiple solutions to make it safer for pedestrians.

I don't usually ride my bike, but I will note that a number of people (on twitter, where I first brought up this concern) that are cyclist have expressed concerns about this intersection as well.

Thank you,

Stephanie Sullivan