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Subject: FW: 2022 Road Resurfacing - Platt Rd Crosswalk Upgrade

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To: City of Ann Arbor Transportation Commission TransportationCommission@a2gov.org

Subject: 2022 Road Resurfacing - Platt Rd Crosswalk Upgrade

Good morning,

With upcoming road work planned for Platt Road in 2022, and a large scale improvement project slated for Fire Station 4 and Sheffield Park, I ask that the City please improve the crosswalk at Platt Rd and Edgewood Drive by installing a flashing light indicator.

I use this crosswalk multiple times every day and it is very unsafe. It is poorly lit, poorly marked, and cars almost never stop when someone is standing in the crosswalk, per city law. This is compounded by the two lanes of traffic in each direction; there have been numerous occasions where the car in the lane closest to the sidewalk has stopped for me, but another car speeds past in the other lane without realizing I am already in the crosswalk. My neighbors and I are really tired of having to deal with this dangerous crossing on a daily basis. Recently, a vehicle tore through the small crosswalk island and knocked over what few crosswalk signs we did have - and this is the second time a car has damaged those signs in the past few years. Several weeks ago, I was waiting on the sidewalk for cars to stop at the crosswalk and a collision happened between the car who stopped for me and the car behind them, who did not notice the other car was braking. I believe that a more visible crosswalk infrastructure would have prevented this collision and will avert the risk of collisions or struck pedestrians in the future.

Given the unsafe conditions at this crosswalk and the fact that it is heavily used by neighborhood residents and Scheffler Park visitors, it urgently needs a safety upgrade. With resurfacing already being planned for this section of Platt, it is the perfect time to upgrade this dangerous sidewalk.

I and others have submitted this to SeeClickFix in the past, but have not received any information on if or when the upgrade will occur, so I wanted to bring it to your attention as well.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best.

Megan Foster Friedman Lookout Circle