

WESTERN PROMENADE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Mr. Michael Bobinsky, Director
Department of Public Works
City of Portland
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Dear Mike:

A few months ago, in response to an inquiry by a B&B, you contacted me to ask if I recalled the history of the one-way traffic patterns on some of the streets surrounding Maine Med, especially the block of Chadwick Street between Bramhall and West. I did not.

Subsequently, I was contacted by three separate residents of the block of West Street, between Chadwick and Vaughan. They, and others, have reported a lot of confusion by drivers trying to find the entrance to the MMC surface lot on Chadwick and also exiting from it at the intersection of West and Chadwick. Some make multiple turns and get more frustrated as they go along, rolling through stop signs in their escalating frustration to find their way. There are many young kids on the surrounding blocks and there is a significant concern about safety.

We discussed this issue at Tuesday's MMC Neighborhood Council meeting and Walter Pochebit noted the steps that the City and MMC had taken to respond to the B&B owner's concerns.

While there are a number of issues at play, WPNA would like to formally request the City to do an in-house traffic analysis of the one-ways on Bramhall between Chadwick and the West Street and the block of Chadwick between Bramhall and West Street. What would be the traffic and pedestrian impacts of making these two blocks two-way vs. one-way? We understand there is a major pedestrian crosswalk on Bramhall between MMC and the surface lot. We also understand the issue of the queuing and entrance/exit from the surface lot on Chadwick.

We would appreciate your attention to this request, including projected time frame for doing the analysis. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Thanks!

Very truly yours,



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President

cc: Councilor David Marshall
Walter Pochebit,
Melissa Knoll,
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