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Subject: RE: City of Dover Service Request 092023-16: Crosswalk

Mr. Jaccoma,

To add to the feedback that Ms. Semprini has already given, our crosswalk policy and standards would automatically reject a proposed crosswalk within 300' of a nearby fully protected crossing. The trail entrance is only 150' from the fully signalized crossing at Central @ Locust. We could never endorse placing another crosswalk so close by because it would interfere with the traffic queues at the intersection, it would create a greater danger of a crossing pedestrian getting struck by a vehicle in one of the two northbound lanes, and lead to a higher propensity for rear-end collisions in the southerly direction with cars accelerating through the green light and then suddenly being forced to stop.

So in short, while your suggestion is certainly very well intentioned it inevitably would create a more dangerous situation. You'd be welcome to come speak to your request at one of the committee meetings, but City staff will be obligated to recommend against it.

Respectfully,

Marn Speidel

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Hi Andrew,

Unfortunately there is not a virtual option. We can either add it to November's agenda and speak of your concern, or we can add it to the following TAC meeting in January (TAC meets every other month). Please let us know what you prefer.

I'm copying Lt. Marn Speidel, who serves as the police staff representative to TAC, and is the keeper of the TAC agendas.

Thank you,

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Hi Jillian,

Thank you for your response! I would be happy to come speak to this, however I'll be out of town on the 27th. Is there a virtual option or any other means that I can help with this?

Thank you,

Andrew

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Good Afternoon Andrew,

I am following up on a service request that you submitted to our offices regarding a crosswalk on Central Ave at the Community Trail. A crosswalk at this location would be considered an uncontrolled, mid-block crosswalk. An uncontrolled crosswalk means that motorists are not otherwise required to stop unless there is a pedestrian present and attempting to cross. The City's crosswalk policy and standards do not support adding new uncontrolled crosswalks without other significant measures. Other measures might include a flashing beacon system, similar to the one south of this area at Alumni Drive. Although a new mid-block crossing at this location with modifications may be beneficial, the city currently has over 50 uncontrolled crosswalks that the Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC) has taken on a role of helping to prioritize these locations where flashing beacon systems (or some variation of it) are best suited. A pedestrian wishing to cross at this location may walk to the protected crosswalk at the Central Ave/Locust St traffic signal, or if coming from the Sawyer Mill Apartments, may choose to cross at the protected crosswalk at the Central Ave/Mill St traffic signal.

The next TAC meeting is on Monday, November 27, 2023 and this concern can be added to the agenda if you would like to come speak to it.

We appreciate you reaching out and should you have any additional questions, please let us know.

Thank you,

Jillian Semprini
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