

December 16, 2020

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202002156
From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager
Subject: HEEKIN AVENUE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

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The Council at its session on September 30, 2020 referred the following item for review and report.

MOTION, submitted by Councilmember Sittenfeld, dated 8/4/2020, WE MOVE that the City Administration prepare and provide a report regarding the feasibility of installing a stop sign on Heekin Avenue at or near the intersection of Heekin Avenue and Bouton Street in Linwood in order to address speeding and vehicular collisions. WE FURTHER MOVE that the City of Cincinnati make a recommendation on a safe, effective effort, either through the installation of a stop sign, or a different solution that creates a safer environment along Heekin Avenue.

The Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) has requested the Department of Public Services (DPS) to install one uphill stop sign and the accompanying pavement markings at LeBlond Avenue and one downhill stop sign and the accompanying pavement markings at Shattuck Avenue. Additionally, DOTE will add a solid yellow centerline and additional curve warning signs throughout the curves where parking is prohibited. These countermeasures will increase the safety for all modes of transportation and help keep motorists in their lane. DPS will install the signs and pavement markings in the near future.

The crash history since 2017 indicates that only two *reported* crashes have occurred on Heekin Avenue, but additional information conveyed in various letters and phone calls from residents served to document other non-reported safety concerns. DOTE reviewed the requests for all-way stop control at the T-intersections of Heekin Avenue & Bouton Street and Heekin Avenue & LeBlond Avenue and added the subsequent traffic control stated above.

Residents in the area, as well as City Councilmembers, were notified of the changes to be made via email on August 25, 2020.

cc: John S. Brazina, Director, Transportation and Engineering