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MOTION

Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Calming

WE MOVE, that the Administration report back to Council within ninety (90) days on the cost and feasibility of design alternatives that prevent drivers from using a shared, bi-directional, center turn lane as a passing lane. Specifically, the Administration should take into consideration improvements that include, but are not limited to, implementing rumble strips in the center turn lane, using reflective pylons or concrete to create "islands" in portions of the turn lane, or paving the center turn lane with alternative materials like cobble stone.

STATEMENT

The Administration has been working to "right-size" many streets throughout Cincinnati as a part of its multi-year effort to calm traffic and make our streets safer for all road users. A typical method used to calm traffic is reducing the number of travel lanes. On streets like Glenway and Montana, this has meant reducing the number of travel lanes from four to three, with one shared, bi-directional, center turn lane. Unfortunately, some road users have used this center turn lane as a passing lane—a dangerous maneuver that puts all road users at risk. This motion hopes to give Council a better understanding of the costs and feasibility of different design choices that can be implemented to prevent certain road users from using the turn lane as a passing lane.

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