David Patton - DES

From:

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Sent:

Thursday, April 26, 2018 2:56 PM

To:

M. Valerie Mosley

Cc:

Eric Goldstein; David Patton - DES; Richard Viola

Subject:

WRD-AMD and PAC

Valerie

Thank you for your recent e-mail request for the Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) to send you a letter of support for the WRD-AMD plans by May 4.

We thank you for engaging both the PAC and the BAC in the conceptual planning for this intersection, starting with your presentation to us in December, 2014. We continued discussions with you through December, 2015. We sent you two letters with recommendations and comments, on August 6, 2015 and on November 18, 2015.

On August 30, 2017, I wrote you a long e-mail message with comments on the temporary pilot improvements* to the intersection and invited you to return to the PAC to update us on plans. Although you responded to many of my comments, you did not respond to my invitation to engage with the PAC again.

I have several concerns about sending a letter of support at this time:

- We do not know what changes were made to the plan since the last version that was presented to the PAC in 2015. In particular, we would want to know if any of our recommendations were included in the final plans or, if some were excluded, why they were excluded.
- I understand that you have monitored traffic pattern impacts carefully while testing and finalizing the
 design elements. I hope that you will continue to monitor traffic and safety during and after
 construction.
- We are concerned about what plans have been made for the MOT during construction, as this intersection is heavily used by both local and commuting pedestrians and cyclists.

I hope that you can return to the PAC to address these issues before construction begins.

Sincerely,

Pam

Pamela Van Hine

PAC Chair

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^{*}This afternoon I ran to the intersection to see how it's working currently. I still found crossing the slip lane unnerving as many drivers still do not yield. I also found crossing southbound on AMD challenging as some drivers continue to turn left after the left turn light is off. As my back is to them, I cannot see them.