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To: Gail Payne

From: Karen Bey
Fifth Street Neighbors

Subject: Draft Vision Action Plan
5th Street Traffic Safety Improvements

After review of the draft Vision Zero Plan, we have revised our 5th Street Traffic Safety Improvements request. Our revised request is in line with Goal 4 outlined in Vision Zero, and the short-term actions detailed in the plan.

The 5th and Central Ave neighborhood is a block away from Paden School which makes us part of a school zone. Based on the high number of reported crashes and injuries in school zones, coupled with the dramatic increase in speeding in our neighborhood, we strongly believe our requests will help to Decrease Speeds and Crashes and save the lives of our children as they return to school over the next few months.

Accordingly, here are the revised traffic safety improvement requests for 5th Street:

1. Traffic reader(s) (permanent installation on the sidewalk preferred)
2. Speed Cushions
3. 15 or 20 mph speed limit signage
4. School crossings where appropriate, along 5th Street
5. Slow Streets (see comments below regarding Slow Streets)

Slow Streets Comments:

We believe slow streets could be a short-term action and quick remedy to decrease speeds and crashes in all school zones. The traffic calming that occurs on Santa Clara Ave because of slow streets is immediate and effective; something that is desperately needed on 5th Street. Our wish is that the City will allow Slow Streets in all school zones.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

Karen Bey