

Lynch Creek Trail, SMART and Lakeville

I'd like to express my gratitude that the pedestrian and bike crossing at the intersection of Lynch Creek Trail, SMART and Lakeville has been corrected, once a broader awareness of the non-functional crossing was highlighted by a broad coalition of people.

I will admit, though, that I'm suffering from cognitive dissonance. As a city we've adopted Vision Zero and are working on many different programs to make our streets safer for all users; we have multiple organizations dedicated to elevating awareness of the need for safer and stress free mobility, and yet at an intersection where three modes of transportation meet we let the disrepair of pedestrian crossing signals go unaddressed for more than two months. To make things worse, this signalized crossing is for our "least stress" crosstown connector for pedestrians and cyclists.

It's wonderful that our city has tools for reporting these types of outages, but repairing this infrastructure in a timely manner strikes me as something that needs to be a higher priority in all our hearts and minds. For example, as a collective city we'd never allow a signalized intersection for motor vehicles, or a railway crossing, to be non-functional for any length of time. Either the issue would be fixed immediately, or temporary "right of way signage" would be put in place, for example.

I'm not a policy person nor do I understand the workings of our city, but I wonder if this is a matter of policy? As part of the ATP refresh, or any of our other mobility programs, do we need a policy in place that makes it very clear that we need this infrastructure to be in good repair, at all times, to ensure safe and stress free mobility throughout our city?

My ask of members of PBAC, staff, and elected representatives is for them to reflect and offer guidance on the following:

- * Is this a policy issue? Could it be?
- * Is this something that would be part of the ATP refresh?
- * Do you have any further creative ideas to ensure our limited safe and stress

free corridors continue to be safe and stress free for all of us?

Thank you kindly for your time,

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