

Pedestrian Advisory Committee Resolution

To: Minneapolis City Council, Minneapolis Public Works

From: Minneapolis Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Date: February 3, 2021

Subject: Osseo Road Reconstruction

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The Pedestrian Advisory Committee feels that the Osseo Road Reconstruction design does not do enough to connect neighborhoods currently divided by this high-speed road. A design speed of 35 miles per hour is unacceptable for a reconstruction of any street in Minneapolis. The design speed should be 25 miles per hour. As stated in our earlier resolution, we ask for all legs of all intersections to be built to accommodate legal pedestrian crossings, specifically the west side of the intersections with 45th Ave N and Queen Ave N and the east side of the intersection of 44th Ave N/Penn Ave N. We further reiterate that NACTO road width guidelines for urban streets with transit call for travel lanes no wider than 11' in all project sections. The currently designed medians are incompatible with appropriate lane widths and pedestrian crossings. Further, removal of the staircase to Osseo Road unnecessarily removes a pedestrian amenity. We also ask for pedestrian wayfinding for the stairway connection and an accessible alternative.