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TO: Deputy Chief Wirsing

FROM: Sgt. Joe Grage #754

DATE: 08/05/2016

SUBJECT: Public Safety and Transportation Committee Agenda Item:
Addition of Conditional Left Turn Prohibition at Division and School

On August 5, 2016, I was contacted by Mr. John Gibbs, the principal at Westmore School located at 340 S. School St. Mr. Gibbs requested the addition of a left turn prohibition westbound Division St. at School St. during student drop off times. He requested that left turns be prohibited from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM on school days.

Mr. Gibbs told me that he is requesting this prohibition due to congestion as well as conflicts between parents when the people turning left onto School St. "cut in front of" parents who have formed a line in the eastbound lanes of Division St. at School St. and southbound School St. from Division St.

There are already two traffic modifications in place to facilitate smooth drop-offs and pickups by parents:

- School St. is one way southbound during school hours (07:30am-4:00pm)
- Ahrens Ave. is one way northbound during school hours (07:30AM-4:00PM)

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The current one way restrictions in place create an orderly clockwise flow of traffic around the school during school hours (see attached). That being the case, I concur with Principal Gibbs' assertion that people turning left onto southbound School St. from Division interrupt that orderly flow during the school's busy drop off times. Adding the left turn restriction also does not put an undue burden on parents because they could simply turn onto Washington Blvd instead of Division St. and make a right turn onto Ahrens to join the flow of traffic around the school. I recommend implementing Principal Gibbs' request to prevent the congestion and issues created when parents "cut" into the drop off line for the school.

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