

To: Minneapolis City Council
Minneapolis Public Works

From: Minneapolis Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Date: 9/6/2017

Subject: Resolution in support of University Avenue/Central Avenue Signal Replacement with suggestions.

University Avenue/Central Avenue Signal Replacement

The Minneapolis Pedestrian Advisory **Committee supports** the University Avenue/Central Avenue Signal Replacement and ADA Improvement Project—Phase 3, with the following suggestions and exemption.

1. At Central and Spring St., ensure that the sidewalks leading to and at the intersection are ADA-compliant.
2. At Central and Broadway, add in the ends of the medians after the crosswalk, rather than truncating them before the crosswalk, in order to enhance pedestrian safety and ensure safer turning radii.
3. At Central and St. Anthony Parkway, carry the central median into the intersection to line up with the other curbs and to provide additional pedestrian safety space.

The Minneapolis Pedestrian Advisory Committee does not support the changes to University and Broadway as presented. The PAC opposes these changes because they do not materially improve safety or comfort for pedestrians at this intersection. In a project aimed to improve ADA compliance and pedestrian safety, the PAC is particularly disappointed to see an increase in turning radius at an intersection that is already difficult for those on foot and in wheelchairs. The PAC requests that MNDOT explore options that meet the City of Minneapolis' Complete Streets policy and at minimum maintain or enhance the safety and comfort of pedestrians here.