

DEPAUW STUDENT GOVERNMENT

WHITE PAPER NO.2

A White Paper petitioning for a three way stop on Anderson and Locust Streets

Introduction and Background:

DePauw students have taken initiatives in the past to create a safer environment on campus. A recent white paper concerning Lighting on DePauw's Campus stated that (10/31/2010), "As members of the DePauw community, we are responsible for each other's safety." This responsibility has been expressed through many other initiatives started on campus such as The Blue Light and Safe Ride systems. Students have recently become concerned about the junction of the Anderson and Locust streets. In its current form, it presents many safety concerns raised by DePauw students.

Students have found trouble while crossing the street at that junction partly due to the street parking on Locust surrounding the intersection. Students often feel the need to venture halfway into the intersection before they they can confirm that the street is clear and they can cross.

Currently, the intersection of Anderson and Locust has only one stop sign, on Anderson Street. While this has been helpful in regards to safety, and it keeps cars from turning at unsafe speeds, cars still speed down Locust Street due to lack of clear driving regulations.

Suggestions for Improvement:

DePauw Student Government, the main representative of DePauw students, suggests that the intersection of Anderson and Locust be made into a three-way stop so that students can safely cross the street. By adding two additional stop signs from what is currently at the intersection, students will be able to safely cross at Anderson and Locust.

The improvements will allow students to feel safer crossing this street. Diminishing the threat that students incur when we venture halfway into the intersection and diminishing the speed that cars drive down the road. These two instances have been brought up as main concerns especially during heavy student traffic hours near class times.

Due to the fact that this intersection is within campus, there is not much thru-traffic for Greencastle residents, and this new three-way stop will not cause problems for the people of Greencastle.

Alternative options:

The idea of an additional stop sign has raised concern amongst some members of the DePauw Community. Seeing as there are already stop signs a block in both directions, some feel that the stop sign would cause traffic back up or an unneeded stop. If the city of Greencastle were to agree with these hesitations, the student body would still like something to be done at or around this intersection.

Alternative options include:

- A clear student crosswalk including some sort of marker notifying a driver of the crosswalk.
- Having two yield signs implemented to notify drivers of students crossing the street.
- Different parking restrictions, taking away a spot leading up to the intersection. Helping drivers with visibility of student traffic.
- Lowering the speed limit seeing as this is a highly congested area during times in which traffic on this street is the most intense.

Next Steps:

This white paper, if passed, will be brought to the next city council meeting, which occurs on the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm. The White Paper will be presented by President Casey, Charlie Douglas, and Claire Halffield.

Motioned by: Amolalyi Terila
Senator Signature:

Seconded by: Dwain Gordon
Representative Signature:

Executive Board:
President Signature: Dakota N. Watson

Aye 11

Aye 6

Aye 8

Nay 0

Nay 5

Nay 0

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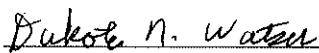
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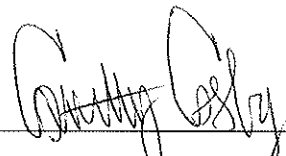
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Attested by:


(Secretary)

Approved by:


(President)


(Executive Vice President)