

Plan Recommendations (Requires revision)

1. Request the Parks Division to investigate upgrading the interior lighting in Demetral Field shelter, Park users are cautious to enter the park shelter during the daytime or nighttime since lighting is dim.
2. As part of the citywide bike system, request the Traffic Engineering Division to investigate the creation of a bike route from Emerson East-Eken Park Neighborhoods to
 1. Warner Park and the proposed Warner Park Community and Recreation Facility
 2. the East Mifflin Street bike route
 3. Yahara Parkway corridor bike route
 4. multipurpose trail along the Starkweather Creek corridor to improve access between Olbrich Park and MATC.
3. Request the Traffic Engineering Division to consider the need to improve the safety of motorists west bound on Pennsylvania Avenue, at the point three traffic lanes merge to two lanes on East Johnson at North Second Street. Motorist west bound on East Johnson Street merge into westbound traffic from Pennsylvania Avenue. At this point, three lanes of traffic merge into two lanes.
4. Request Engineering Division to replace curb and gutter on the 2400-2500 Blocks of East Mifflin Street; and 10200 blocks of North Street.
5. Request the Engineering Division to repair street pavement in the 400-500 blocks of Maywood Street; 10 block of North Seventh Street; and 100 block of North Third Street.
6. In an effort to improve traffic safety, request that Traffic Engineering evaluate the intersection of East Mifflin at North Second Street (2000 block of East Mifflin); North Fourth at East Johnson (East High School); North Sixth and North Seventh at East Johnson (Emerson Elementary School); North First at East Washington; North First at East Johnson to help improve the control of traffic.
7. As part of an effort to preserve the existing character of the neighborhood, request the Planning Unit and neighborhood association to work with property owners, neighborhood residents and businesses to rezone the properties from R4 to R3 at the following locations:
 1. the area bounded by Commercial Avenue on the north; East Johnson, Pennsylvania Avenue, and Packers Avenue on the west; North First on the south, and back lot lines of properties abutting East Washington Avenue on the east with exception of the 300-400 blocks of Kedzie and Pawling Street;
 2. the area bounded by Commercial on the north, Northfield Place on the south, Union Pacific Railroad on the east, and North Sherman Avenue on the west (Superior Street, Northfield Place, Erie Court, and Michigan Court);
 3. rezone the residential properties, with the exception of 1948-1954 East Washington (The Avenue Apartments) on the north side of the 1900-2300 blocks of East Washington Avenue from R5 to R3.
8. As part of an effort to preserve park and open space areas in the neighborhood, request the Planning Unit and neighborhood association to work with the Parks Division to rezone Demetral Field, East High Athletic Field, Washington Manor Park, and the green space along the south side of 1900 Block of East Johnson from R4 to C (Conservancy).
9. Request the Engineering Division to install sidewalks on the east and west sides of the 2200-2500 blocks of Pennsylvania Avenue (East High Athletic Field area); the east and west sides of the 500 block of Packers Avenue (Demetral Field area); west side of the 500 block of North Fifth Street; 1600-1900 blocks of Fordem Avenue; 5001200 blocks of Packers Avenue (Highway 113), and 2300-2700 Aberg Avenue. The first priority for the neighborhood is the west side of Packers Avenue. Encourage the installation of sidewalks as part of any street reconstruction along Sixth Street along East High Fields.
10. Request the Engineering Division to repair sidewalks on the 300 blocks of North Fifth Street and the 10-200 blocks of North Street.

11. Request the Engineering Division to assess the drainage problem at the intersection of North Seventh and East Mifflin Streets and the 2500 block of East Mifflin Street. Neighborhood residents indicated that storm water pools in driveway aprons.

12. As part of the City-wide bike system, request the Traffic Engineering Division to investigate sidewalk/bike route expansion on the north side of Aberg Avenue, from Shopko and Copps Food Store, to the west side of Packers Avenue. A bike path parallel to, but not directly on, Packers Avenue would provide better access to employment opportunities in the airport business park and provide a connection to the on-street bike route at International Lane.

13. Request the Parks Division to improve handicapped accessibility at Burrows Parks: improve accessibility around the entrance gate to the park; retrofit bathroom facilities located adjacent to the parking lot; construct accessible paths to the bathroom facilities; and construct accessible paths to Lake Mendota shoreline from the parking lot.

14. As part of the effort to preserve and enhance the character of the North Street-East Johnson commercial node, request that the Planning Unit and neighborhood association work with property and business owners to create guidelines for rehabilitation and/or new construction; with particular attention paid to signs, awnings, and building materials that complement the existing buildings.

15. Request the Planning Unit to consider working with the neighborhood association and property owners to establish a Neighborhood Conservation Area within specific areas of the neighborhood. Neighborhood Conservation Areas would provide the emphasis on design standards that bring continuity to residential areas. Neighborhood property owners, in conjunction with the Department of Planning & Development, would custom design a mechanism that would preserve and enhance the architectural character of residential areas, such as recommending new construction to incorporate the dominant roof pattern within the neighborhood.

16. As part of an effort to preserve the existing character of the neighborhood, request the Planning Unit and neighborhood association to work with property owners, neighborhood residents, and businesses to rezone the properties from C3 to C1 at the following locations:

1. 2146 and 2202 East Johnson Street (James Reeb Church and office building, respectfully);
2. single-family structures at 2634 and 2637 Schofield Street;
3. 2301 and 2401 Commercial Avenue (Deon's Bait Shop and Resale Records respectfully); and
4. 2046 2050 East Johnson Street (formerly Rortvedt Auto Repair).

17. As part of an effort to preserve the existing residential character of the neighborhood, request the Planning Unit to work with property owners to rezone 213 and 217 North First Street (two single-family, residential parcels) from C2 (General Commercial) to R3 (Single-Two Family Residential) zoning classification located at the SE corner of North First and East Johnson Streets.

18. Request the Engineering Division, in conjunction with Parks Division, to develop a comprehensive landscaping plan for the medians and terraces of the East Johnson-Pennsylvania-Packers Corridor, from First Street to International Lane. Plant 2 1/2" to 3" caliber street trees along the right-of-way.

19. Request the Parks Division to create smaller activity areas near playground areas within Demetral Field, including accessible tables around the periphery of the shelter. Small activity areas within Demetral Field will attract more neighborhood-oriented activities than the high activity ball field areas.

20. Request the Traffic Engineering Division to assess and upgrade lighting, if appropriate, at the following locations: 2400-2800 block of Commercial Avenue; 1900 Block of East Dayton Street; 10-200 blocks of North Street; 2600 block of Schofield Street; 10-300 blocks of North Second Street; and 10-200 blocks of North Sixth Street, and the intersection of East Mifflin and North Fifth Street.

21. Request the Parks Division to plant trees and shrubs around the perimeter of Demetral Field and East High Athletic Field, including at North Fifth Street and North Sixth Street. Plant 2 1/2" to 3" caliber street trees along the right-of-way of Packers Avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue.

22. Request the Engineering Division to remove the chain link fence on the east side of the 2100-2300 blocks of Pennsylvania Avenue (East High Athletic Field). In conjunction with Oscar Mayer Corporation create a 20-foot buffer strip along the west side of Packers Avenue to provide a place for street trees, shrubs, and grass, and possibly a sidewalk.
23. Request the Parks Division to upgrade existing playground equipment and to explore creating ball fields or volleyballs courts within Burrows Park.
24. Neighborhood residents will work with Traffic Engineering to install banners at 2200 block of East Washington Avenue at East High School.
25. As part of an effort to improve pedestrian safety on Packers Avenue, request the Engineering Division to explore the feasibility of replacing the pedestrian overpass in mid-block between Commercial and Aberg A venues by creating a cul-de-sac at Coolidge Street, starting the ramp at the frontage road and using the ramp for both sound and visual deadening for the neighborhood, as well as ADA access.
26. Request Traffic Engineering to consider the feasibility of installing pedestrian-scale, decorative, lighting at 2000-2800 block of East Johnson Street and the blocks surrounding Emerson Elementary School.
27. Request the Traffic Engineering Division, in conjunction with the Parks Division, to redesign the North Seventh Street extension to improve street terrace landscaping including the marking of on-street parking spaces. Planting of street trees or grass between the sidewalk and roadway and installation of curb and gutter will help improve the appearance of the entrance.
28. Request the Parks Division, in conjunction with Engineering Division, to remove the chain link-fence at the East High Athletic Field.