

Dear Mrs. Ellem,

In 2020, neighbors consistently met as a team to analyze progress and address challenges concerning pedestrian safety in residential and commercial areas between Fort Harmar Drive and the two rivers.

Member-directed communication on this topic has been ongoing since 2018.

Meeting minutes throughout 2020 consistently mark threats to safety of walkers and cyclists and show attendance of 20-50 residents.

From that citizen-driven input, we have outlined the necessary safety improvements for our neighborhood to no longer be split in half.

Currently, the thoroughfare of Franklin Street prevents safe crossing by children and the elderly due to the highway traffic from State Route 7 which is then dumped into the downtown.

Main Street West **does not** support the use of this potential grant to pay for any city safety obligation already outlined by TEC Engineering.

We look forward to a future with the Creating Healthy Communities Coalition and the City of Marietta.

Sincerely,
**CJ Smith and
Jackson Patterson**

Pedestrian Safety Lead Coordinator
and Chairman of **Main Street West**



REMOVE Southbound parking

Install Bike Lane to improve pedestrian, cyclist and motorist visibility entering Franklin Street along the whole corridor.

Erect signage limiting traffic:

- Local traffic only
- No thru traffic.
- Target enforcement zone.

This would reduce future costs of maintenance for the city.



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Responsible for the Signal Change at Franklin & Market. *See the Tucker & Schlicher visit with CJ Smith on Sept. 14, 2020; Traffic Commission meeting minutes Oct. 12, 2020; Marietta City Council Streets Committee meeting minutes & TEC Engineering exhibits Jan. 28, 2021.*

MSW Creating Healthy Communities grant request



Virginia Street

Install bump outs to improve pedestrian crossing and remove illegal parking.



Pearl Street

Complete missing sidewalk from ADA ramp to grass.



Clinton Street

Repaint all four crosswalks to improve pedestrian visibility to motorists.



Lord Sidewalk

Supply materials to allow MSW volunteer completion of rebuild for brick sidewalk.



Lord Street

PAINT NEW crossing over Franklin Street.
REPAINT crossing over Lord to improve safety.



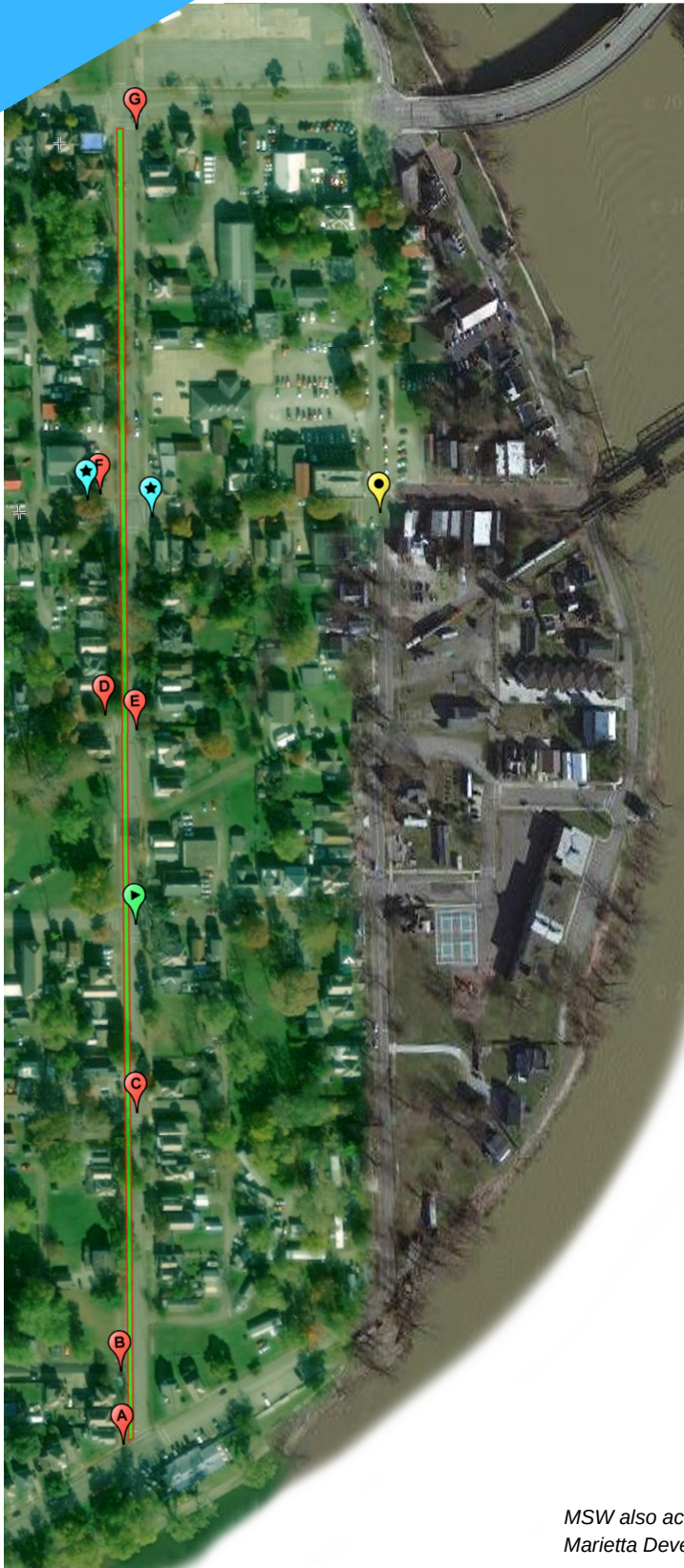
Maple Street

Supply materials to allow MSW volunteer completion of rebuild for brick sidewalk.



Putnam Avenue

Eliminate right-turn without stopping for northbound drivers headed toward Putnam Bridge. *This would benefit the Community Action Bus Line flag stop at the targeted Ohio State Highway Patrol intersection.*



Related MSW pedestrian-first safety work

CDBG REQUEST 2021

Paint funding requested by MSW members to decorate crosswalks at Gilman Avenue and Maple Street as a traffic calming measure that is also welcoming to the Historic Harmar District business area. This improvement would also serve increased pedestrian safety with routes to food, worship, health, commerce and tourism.

PAST CORRIDOR SUCCESS

Lake Franklin

After years of water retention on the brick street left hazardous conditions in both warm and cold seasons for pedestrians, the brick crosswalk over Maple at Franklin Street was addressed in 2019 with CDBG recaptured funds from past unspent (2018 and 2017) HUD monies after eight citizen requests for the hazard to be fixed in 2018.

Tree Removal at Historic Church Aug. 2019

The gumball tree between the Open Door Baptist Church and brick sidewalks on Maple Street had made traversing the property dangerous for elderly parishioners.

Documentation of citizen-driven planning may be found:

- In the committee's monthly meeting minutes (which also note the attendance of Mayor Josh Schlicher, Safety-Service Director Steve Wetz, and Foreman Tanner Huffman at separate meetings in 2020);
- Emergency meeting minutes in February and July 2020;
- Research of MSW members into federal transportation law 2018-2021;
- City of Marietta public meetings where 93 submissions by low-to-moderate income area residents and stakeholders for CDBG funds which identified 7 sidewalk repairs requested for 2021;
- TEC Engineering studies for the City of Marietta;
- Articles in The Marietta Times.

MSW also acknowledges two Washington County Health Department letters to the Marietta Development Director (July 30 and Aug. 4, 2020) in support of walkability.