IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 27, 2013

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2. NEWS RELEASE. South 17th Street project to begin Tuesday.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Task Force deployed to Oklahoma.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Library Summer Reading Program offered at County sites.
5. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will hold a news conference on Thursday, May 23rd, 10:00 a.m., at 555 S. 10th Street, Room 303, to discuss the City’s latest traffic crash statistics and a traffic safety and efficiency project planned for a section of No. 27th Street.
6. NEWS RELEASE. Traffic crashes continue downward trend.
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3. Letter from Perry L. Demma commenting on the N Street Bike Lane.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 20, 2013  
FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831  
Deb Weber, Lincoln Arts Council, 402-434-2787

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR MAYOR’S ARTS AWARDS**

Tickets are now available for the 2013 Mayor's Arts Awards Wednesday, June 12 at the Lied Center for Performing Arts. The Lincoln Arts Council (LAC) produces the event to formally recognize artistic contributions and achievements in the Lincoln area. Ticket information is available by visiting artscene.org, e-mailing mayorsartsawards@artscene.org or calling 402-434 ARTS (2787).

The event includes a reception at 5:30 p.m., dinner catered by the Venue and the awards ceremony at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are $50 each ($25 is tax deductible), and tables of eight and ten are available. The reservation deadline is June 1. Event sponsors include the James C. and Rhonda Seacrest Foundation, and video sponsors are U.S. Property and Grand Manse, Liberty First Credit Union, Steve Wake and Jerry and Annette Hall.

2013 award winners include the following:

- **The Mayor's Choice Award** will be presented to the late blues artist **Morris “Magic Slim” Holt.** The award is sponsored by Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather L.L.P.
- **The Richard Hay Arts Organization Award** will be presented to the **Nebraska Brass.** The award recognizes an arts group that has made significant contributions to Lincoln's arts community over a period of years and is provided through a bequest to the LAC from the late Dr. Richard Hay.
- The **Outstanding Event Award** will be presented to “**Gods of the Prairies,**” a production of the **Colonel Mustard Amateur Attic Theatre Company.** The award recognizes a performance, exhibition, event or project in the previous year that will be notable in the community memory for years to come. The award is sponsored by Joe and Judye Ruffo.
- **The Artistic Achievement Award - Visual Arts** will be presented to **Marjorie Mikasen.** The award recognizes excellence and accomplishment in any of the visual arts and is sponsored by Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital.
- **The Artistic Achievement Award - Performing Arts** will be presented to actress **Pippa White.** The award recognizes excellence and accomplishment in any of the performing arts and is sponsored by Farmers Mutual Insurance Company of Nebraska.
- **The Artistic Achievement Award - Youth** will be presented to actor and singer **Alex Wooten,** a Lincoln Southeast student. The award recognizes excellence and accomplishment in any arts discipline by a young person age 18 or younger and is sponsored by Runza® Restaurants.

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- The **Gladys Lux Education Award** will be presented to retired UNL piano teacher **Joan Reist**. The award recognizes special initiatives in or dedication to arts education and is endowed by the Gladys Lux Foundation.

- The **Heart of the Arts Award** will be presented to **Jean Martin**, the “artist in residence” at the Legacy Estates. This award recognizes individuals or organizations for outstanding volunteer dedication to the arts or for making a major overall impact on the arts in Lincoln. The award is sponsored by Talent Plus, Inc.

- The **Haley Allsman Benefactor of the Arts Award** will be presented to **Russ’s Market**. The award honors an individual, family, organization or business for making significant financial contributions to the arts in Lincoln. The award is co-sponsored by Cornhusker Bank and the Near South Neighborhood Association. Both sponsors also are providing tickets to the awards event for participants in the LAC’s Artists in Schools and Communities program.

- The **Lincoln Community Foundation Arts for Kids Award** will be presented to the **Lincoln Community Learning Centers** for the **Science of Sound** program. The award honors an individual or organization from outside of the arts professions whose leadership has enhanced arts activities and experiences for children. It is sponsored by the Lincoln Community Foundation.

- The **ArtScene Backstage Award** will be presented to **Morrie Enders**, Executive Director of the Lincoln Community Playhouse, for extraordinary service to the arts through behind-the-scenes efforts. It is sponsored by A to Z Printing.

- The **Literary Heritage Award** will be presented to photographer and author **Joel Sartore**. The award recognizes a writer or an individual or group who promotes excellence in writing and literature in Nebraska and is sponsored by the Nebraska Literary Heritage Association.

- The Urban Design Committee has awarded the **Enersen Urban Design Award** to the **Antelope Valley Project** and its three major partners – the City of Lincoln, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District. The award is sponsored by Clark Enersen Partners.

- The **Kimmel Foundation Emerging Artist Awards** will be presented to **Jordan Buschur** and **Rebecca Reinecke**. The award includes a $1,000 stipend and a residency at the Kimmel Harding Nelson Center for the Arts. It is sponsored by the Richard P. Kimmel and Laurine Kimmel Charitable Foundation.

This year's award is being created by Lora Rocke, who creates quilted portraits.

Additional support for the Mayor's Arts Awards is provided by Ann Rawley and Larry and Nancy Bird.

The public is encouraged to submit names of members of the Lincoln arts community who have died since the last awards ceremony in June 2012 for memorial recognition at the awards event. Information can be sent to mayorsartsawards@artscene.org.
S. 17TH STREET PROJECT TO BEGIN TUESDAY

Beginning Tuesday, May 21, S. 17th Street from South to “A” streets will be closed for about eight weeks for street rehabilitation. The project was originally scheduled to begin in early May, but it was delayed when the Near South Neighborhood Association asked if some of the existing stone curb could be incorporated into the project. Because the project is federally funded, changes made to the plans had to be evaluated and approved by the Nebraska Department of Roads and the Federal Highway Administration. The agencies have approved the salvaging of the existing stone curb and incorporating some into the rehabilitated roadway.

The project will include a new concrete base with asphalt overlay and new curb and gutters. The pedestrian curb ramps will be reconstructed to meet ADA standards. The project is part of the citywide arterial street rehabilitation project, which includes work on 13 street segments throughout Lincoln.

The City will work with businesses and residences along S. 17th Street on access issues, and access to side streets and driveways will be restricted at times. Drivers are encouraged to use 13th Street as a detour route.

For more information on this and other City street projects, visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects).
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 21, 2013
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Fire Chief John Huff, 402-441-8350

TASK FORCE DEPLOYED TO OKLAHOMA

Nebraska Task Force 1 (NETF1), the Urban Search and Rescue team based at Lincoln Fire and Rescue, has been deployed to Moore, Oklahoma to assist with search operations in the wake of yesterday’s deadly tornado. The full 82-member team arrived in Moore this morning, and Fire Chief John Huff said they began work immediately.

The task force is comprised of firefighters from both Lincoln and Omaha Fire Departments, as well as civilians members who are doctors, structural engineers and heavy rigging specialists. The team also includes five canine search specialists with six dogs. Huff said the length of the team’s deployment has not been determined. Teams from Texas and Tennessee also have been deployed.

NETF1 previously responded to tornados in Joplin, Missouri in 2011, Little Sioux, Iowa in 2008, Greensburg, Kansas in 2008, and Oklahoma in 1999 as well as many other incidents and events.

More information on NETF1 and Lincoln Fire and Rescue is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: fire).
LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM
OFFERED AT COUNTY SITES

Lincoln City Libraries will expand its Summer Reading Program to include Lancaster County sites during June and July. Library staff will provide a story time session, a craft activity and books for children to check out. Materials will be available for children, teens and adults to help track their progress in the program.

Summer Reading Program County sites are:
- Bennet Community Church, Wednesdays from 1 to 2:30 p.m.
- Davey Community Center, Tuesdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- Denton Community Center, Wednesdays from 1 to 2:30 p.m.
- Firth Village Hall, Thursdays from 1 to 2:30 p.m.
- Hallam Village Hall, Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- Hickman Haven Manor, Mondays from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- Hickman Presbyterian Church, Thursdays from 1 to 2:30 p.m.
- Holland Reformed Church, 22005 S. 96th St., Hickman; Mondays from 1 to 2:30 p.m.
- Malcolm United Methodist Church, Wednesdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- Panama Presbyterian Church, Wednesdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- Raymond Women’s Club Building, Mondays from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- Sprague Town Hall, Mondays from 1 to 2:30 p.m.
- Waverly Middle School, 14621 Heywood St., Tuesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. (No sessions July 9 and 16.)
- Waverly Foundation Building, Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

More information about Lincoln City Libraries’ summer programs is available at lincolnlibraries.org.

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DATE: May 22, 2013
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Chris Beutler will discuss the City’s latest traffic crash statistics and a traffic safety and efficiency project planned for a section of North 27th Street at a news conference at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 23 in room 303, third floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street.
May 23, 2013

TRAFFIC CRASHES CONTINUE DOWNWARD TREND

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that the number of vehicle crashes in the City continues to decrease. The City’s 2011 Crash Study shows that 7,673 crashes were reported in Lincoln compared to 7,710 reported in 2010 and 7,738 reported in 2009.

“Lincoln’s size has now reached 91 square miles, and the number of registered vehicles in Lancaster County is up to a quarter million,” Beutler said. “But despite our continued growth, our streets are safer for traffic. The City’s Transportation Safety Improvement Program that began in 1979 has focused on engineering, enforcement and education. It is important that we continue this program that has made such a significant difference in the number and severity of crashes.”

The Mayor also credited the City’s drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists for their focus on safety. The 2012 “America’s Best Drivers Report” from Allstate Insurance ranks Lincoln as the safest driving city among those with populations of 250,000 or more. Lincoln ranks fifth overall among all cities.

The study evaluated 1,322 intersections, and 94 emerged as “high crash” intersections. The crash rate is determined both by the number of crashes and their severity. The analysis showed that more than 60 percent of all intersection-related crashes occurred at signalized intersections. The ten signalized intersections with the highest crash severity rankings are listed below along with any improvements completed, under way or planned:

- Cotner Blvd. and “O” Street
- N. 27th and Vine streets
- N. 14th and Superior streets - multi-lane roundabout opened in 2012, review under way
- N. 11th Street and Cornhusker Highway
- S. 70th Street and Old Cheney Road - improvements planned
- S. 27th Street and Capitol Parkway
- N. 84th Street and Cornhusker Highway - State investigating a safety project
- S. 40th and Van Dorn streets - roadway rehabilitation project pending
- S. 27th and “A” streets
- S. 48th Street and Normal Boulevard

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Crash Report
Miki Esposito, Director of the Public Works and Utilities Department, said the 2011 crash report will be a guide for allocating limited local resources. She said it also will help the City to aggressively compete for and secure Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds. To date, the City has successfully competed for and secured an estimated $11 million of HSIP funds to supplement local street construction dollars for safety improvements. HSIP-funded projects in various stages of implementation include the following:

- I-180 east ramp at Superior Street - construction scheduled to start June 2013
- S. Coddington Street at W. Van Dorn Street - in preliminary engineering phase, including environmental review
- 14th Street at Cornhusker Highway - in preliminary engineering phase including environmental review
- N. 66th Street at Fremont Street - in selection consultant phase
- N. 27th Street Adaptive Signal Control Technology Project (See related release.)

Other results from the 2011 Crash Report include the following:

- The total monetary loss to the public from traffic crashes in 2011 is estimated at $277 million.
- The number of bicycle crashes rose from 140 in 2010 to 149 in 2011, and the number of pedestrian crashes increased from 72 to 81.
- Statistics show that drivers are at the greatest risk for a crash during a weekday afternoon rush hour.
- Average numbers of crashes for four types of intersections:
  - Intersection of two arterial streets with a traffic signal - 10.6 crashes
  - Intersection of two arterial streets with a stop sign - 3 crashes
  - Intersection of two local streets with no control - 1.2 crashes
  - Intersection of two local streets with stop sign control – 1.3
- Most common type of crashes:
  - Rear end - 30 percent
  - Right angle - 17 percent
  - Parking - 13 percent

The 2011 Crash Report is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: crash).
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 23, 2013  
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Miki Esposito, Public Works and Utilities, 402-441-7566  
Randy Hoskins, Public Works and Utilities, 402-450-4250  
Virendra Singh, Public Works and Utilities, 402-525-5615

SECTION OF N. 27TH TO BE CITY’S FIRST ADAPTIVE SIGNAL CONTROL TECHNOLOGY CORRIDOR

Mayor Chris Beutler announced today that state and federal agencies have approved a $2 million project to deploy Adaptive Signal Control Technology (ASCT) and upgrade fiber communication along a five-mile stretch of N. 27th Street. The technology will allow for rapid adjustments in the timing of traffic signals to ensure safer and more efficient traffic flow along N 27th from “O” Street to the Interstate 80 north ramp.

“Establishing the City’s first ASCT corridor is a significant accomplishment for our community,” Mayor Beutler said. “This section of N. 27th Street averages 30,000 to 40,000 cars a day and includes 17 traffic signals. This state of the art technology will result in motorists spending less time at red lights. More importantly, this ASCT project will improve overall safety.”

Over the last three-year period of 2010 through 2012, there were 1,148 traffic crashes in this corridor, costing the community an estimated $73 million. If crashes decrease by 10 percent annually over 10 years, the benefit/cost ratio of the $2 million project would be 17 to 1. The Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program will pay 90 percent of the project cost. The Mayor thanked the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for approving funding for the project.

The project is scheduled to be completed by August 2014. Construction will require limited lane closures with little interruption to traffic and access. The FHWA and NDOR also have approved three ASCT projects for the City of Omaha.

Miki Esposito, Director of the Public Works and Utilities Department, said the busy corridor serves as a detour when I-80 traffic is diverted. It also sees increased traffic for special events such as UNL football and basketball home games. The traffic signals now use static coordination plans on a time-of-day schedule.

“The limitations of existing signal equipment and software, manpower and fiscal resources make it a challenge to rapidly adapt to increased traffic,” Esposito said. “The ASCT project will provide us with a new tool to address changing demand and concerns about congestion and safety.”

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Adaptive Signal Control
The Mid-America Transportation Center (MATC) at UNL had previously identified N. 27th Street as its Arterial Roadway Test Bed (ARTB). Mayor Beutler said ASCT project will give the City an opportunity to partner with UNL on a performance-based evaluation of the corridor in collaboration with NDOR and FHWA. The research and analysis for the ASCT corridor will be prepared and reported by UNL-MATC as a part of its ARTB.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  May 23, 2013
FOR MORE INFORMATION:  Fire Chief John Huff, 402-441-8350

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More information on NETF1 and Lincoln Fire and Rescue is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: fire).

MEDIA NOTE: NETF1 members will be available for interviews when they arrive at the Municipal Service Center, 901 West Bond. The arrival time is estimated to be about 6:30 p.m.
CITY OF LINCOLN
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
Thursday, May 30, 2013
4:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 555 South 10th Street

AGENDA

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes of April 11, 2013 Commission Meeting

III. Approval of Agenda for May 30, 2013 Commission Meeting

IV. Case Dispositions
   A. Reasonable Cause/No Reasonable Cause
      1. LCHR No.: 12-0904-041-E-R
      2. LCHR No.: 12-0905-042-E-R
      3. LCHR No.: 12-1217-002-PA
      4. LCHR No.: 12-1217-062-E-R
   B. Pre-Determination Settlements
      1. LCHR No.: 12-1227-030-H
      2. LCHR No.: 12-1227-031-H
      3. LCHR No.: 13-0104-001-E
   C. Administrative Closures
      Failure to Cooperate
      1. LCHR No.: 12-1212-061-E-R

V. Old Business
   A. Civil Rights Conference Recap & Evaluations

VI. New Business
   A. Resignation of Wendy Francis
   B. Participation in Juneteenth, Saturday June 22nd.

VII. Public Comment**

VIII. Adjournment

**Public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person. Members of the public may address any item of interest to the LCHR during this open session with the exception of LCHR cases. Also, no member of the public who wishes to address the Commission will be allowed to examine any individual Commissioner or staff member on any item/question before the Commission unless invited to do so by the Chairperson.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 22, 2013
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Andrea Haberman, RN, MSN, 402-441-8054
Bernice Afuh, RN, MS, Public Health Clinic Supervisor, 402-441-6216

ADULTS URGED TO GET VACCINE
TO PROTECT INFANTS FROM WHOOPING COUGH

Adults who live with and care for infants are urged to receive a vaccine to protect those children from pertussis, better known as whooping cough. Because children under the age of one year are not fully vaccinated, they can get whooping cough from their parents, grandparents, guardians and child care providers.

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) is participating in a new program to provide uninsured and under-insured adults (age 19 and older) with the Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis) vaccine. The administration fee is $19.80 per vaccine, but no one will be refused the vaccine due to inability to pay. Qualified adults can call 402-441-8065 to speak to a nurse about the vaccine and to make an appointment.

Whooping cough can cause serious and sometimes life-threatening complications in infants. More than half of infants under one year of age who get the illness will be hospitalized. Of those infants who are hospitalized with whooping cough, about one in five will get pneumonia and one in 100 will die.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also recommends whooping cough vaccination for pregnant women after 20 weeks gestation because it optimizes protection of the infant at birth. Whooping cough vaccination is fully compatible with breast-feeding.

Uninsured adults are defined as individuals who do not have Medicaid, Medicare, private or governmental forms of insurance. Under-insured adults have some form of health insurance, but their insurance plan does not cover the cost of Tdap.

More information on LLCHD is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: health).
Memorandum

Date:        May 21, 2013
To:          City Clerk
From:        Teresa McKinstry, Planning Dept.
Re:          Administrative Approvals
cc:          Jean Preister

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Planning Director from May 14, 2013 through May 20, 2013:

**Administrative Amendment No. 13028** to Special Permit No. 1762D, Vintage Heights Community Unit Plan, approved by the Planning Director on May 14, 2013, requested by Vernon Thornbrugh, to adjust the rear yard from 22.5 feet to 10 feet for a covered, unenclosed patio or deck on property located at 6714 Glass Ridge Rd.

**Administrative Amendment No. 13032** to Change of Zone No. 12018, Holdrege/Idylwild Planned Unit Development, approved by the Planning Director on May 15, 2013, requested by Olsson Associates, to remove the parking stalls on Idylwild Dr., add Note #8, correct the number of required stalls for commercial use in the B-1 PUD parking calculations and remove the finish floor elevation on the grading plan, on property generally located at Idylwild Dr. and Holdrege St.

**Administrative Amendment No. 13033** to Change of Zone No. 2741, Hallshire Estates Planned Unit Development, approved by the Planning Director on May 16, 2013, requested by Design Associates, to reduce a portion of the side yard from 10 feet to 7 feet for 5300 Hallshire Court, on property generally located at S. 52nd St. and Old Cheney Rd.

**Administrative Amendment No. 13025** to Special Permit No. 1674, Cheney Ridge Community Unit Plan, approved by the Planning Director on May 17, 2013, requested by TCS Family Farms LP, to increase the number of apartment units from 200 to 207, thereby increasing the total number of dwelling units within the CUP from 328 to 335, on property generally located near S. 84th St. and Cheney Ridge Rd.

**Administrative Amendment No. 13034** to Change of Zone No. 05054A, Prairie Village Planned Unit Development, approved by the Planning Director on May 20, 2013, requested by Prairie Home Builders, Inc., to eliminate the requirement of a window on the street facade for retail and office buildings that are setback 100 feet or more from the street right-of-way, on property generally located at N. 84th St. and Adams St.
Mary M. Meyer

From: Council Packet  
To: Wanda Faye Maier  
Subject: RE: InterLinc: Council Feedback

Dear Ms. Maier:

We will have a group photo taken of the new Council Members within a month and at that time we could post on the web.
Thank you for bringing this to our attention.
Mary

Mary M. Meyer  
Lincoln City Council  
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Lincoln, NE  68508

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From: Wanda Faye Maier [mailto:wfmaier4177@inebraska.com]  
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2013 11:18 AM  
To: Council Packet  
Subject: Re: InterLinc: Council Feedback

Dear Ms. Meyer,

May I humbly request that you do take a group photo of the City Council and do post it on the website. I have seen other City council websites who have posted a group photo. Is there something to hide? The public elected them to represent us, I believe that seeing the faces of "our" City Council would make them more approachable and help us, (the people they are representing) to follow their actions more closely. It is prudent to monitor our elected officials, not just elect them and "trust" that they will work for our interest and not their own, (or some special interest group).

Sincerely,

Wanda F. Maier
Community Health Endowment Annual Meeting
To Feature Doctor of the Future, Jay Parkinson, MD, MPH

The Community Health Endowment’s Annual Meeting with the Community will be at Bryan Medical Center, Bryan East Campus, Plaza Conference Center, 1500 S. 48th Street, on June 12, 2013 at 3:00 pm. This year’s meeting will feature Jay Parkinson, MD, MPH. Fast Company has called him the “Doctor of the Future” and one of the “Top 10 most creative people in health care,” and Esquire called him one of the “Best and Brightest Radicals and Rebels Who are Changing the World.” Visit www.jayparkinsonmd.com to learn more about Parkinson and his innovative approach to health care delivery.

The Annual Meeting will also feature the presentation of the annual Horizon and Closing the Gap Awards. This event is free and open to the public. Please register to attend at http://cheannualmeeting2013.eventbrite.com/ or call 402-436-5516.

Dr. Jay Parkinson is available for interview and comment prior to the event. Please contact CHE for information.
May 22, 2013

Dallas McGee,
Director Lincoln Urban Development

RE: N Street Bike Lane

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I appreciated the statement made at the April 23, 2013 meeting held at Midwest Steel office. The statement was that the "proposed" N street bike lane would not be put in place until the connections at both ends were in place.

That said, permit me to make some comments. Dedicated bike lanes are good to a point. Commerce is more important; it pays wages and taxes. The needs of Commerce should be considered and held more valuable than the needs of a bike lane. If you look at the streets in the downtown business area, there are not many appropriate choices for a bike lane.

N street and M street are shown on your layout. From a property and business owners view, N street and those north of it are where the majority of pedestrian traffic will be found during the day. At night, that activity moves north. N street quiets down and M street is "dead". That is the street (M street) that is best for a bike lane. It would offer the least "Commercial" disturbance and would allow N street to keep the city owned parking meters.

There were two problems suggested relating to M street. First, it may be more difficult to connect to the bike paths to the west. However, it was not suggested that it was impossible. The other issue is one business owner on M street. (There are many more business owners on N street.) I would suggest that you need to look at the pedestrian and vehicle traffic on the two streets. Check the parking meter usage and turnover. I believe that you would conclude that M street would make a safer "bike lane" than N street.

Perry L. Demma

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS