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And then there were none

News conference set to discuss dramatic traffic safety improvements along S. 27th St.

Not one of Milwaukee's 2010 high frequency crash locations – city intersections with 15 or more vehicle crashes – is located along S. 27th St., a reversal from years past and a credit to intergovernmental cooperation, said **Alderman Terry L. Witkowski**.

“As recently as eight years ago, there were 10 intersections on S. 27th St. from the Kinnickinnic River Parkway to College Ave. on the ‘most dangerous intersection’ list and it was by far the highest concentration of crash locations in the city,” Alderman Witkowski said. “To go from 10 to zero in less than 10 years is quite an achievement.”

Alderman Witkowski will host a **news conference** to discuss the vehicle crash rate along S. 27th St. at **11 a.m. on Thursday, February 23, 2012 at S. 27th St. and W. College Ave.** Others invited to take part include a Milwaukee Police Department representative, a Department of Public Works representative, as well as police representatives from the cities of Oak Creek, Greenfield, and Franklin. State Department of Transportation representatives and AAA Wisconsin officials are also expected to take part, and copies of the most recent high frequency accident location reports will be available.

Alderman Witkowski, a former longtime director of the city Safety Commission, reached out several years ago to MPD, Greenfield PD, Franklin PD and Oak Creek PD (all which share jurisdictional turf at S. 27th and College) in an effort to increase traffic safety and enforcement along S. 27th St. The alderman also used a well-publicized media event to ask motorists to watch their driving there, and AAA Wisconsin studied the corridor with a committee of state, local and national engineers and made recommendations for engineering changes in the intersections.

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S. 27th St. Safety Turnaround/ADD ONE

A series of streetscaping enhancements and intersection safety changes have been made to the affected stretch of S. 27th St. in recent years, and several other significant changes and improvements were put into place with the reconstruction of S. 27th St. two years ago.

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