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Budget amendment would provide resources to bolster pedestrian and traffic safety

**Statement of Alderman Robert J. Bauman
October 25, 2019**

The death of one child and the serious injuries suffered by two other children at 22nd & Center yesterday is absolutely horrific and senseless, yet it is only the latest in a long list of senseless deaths and injuries related to reckless driving and speeding automobiles in the city.

While solutions to this carnage are evasive the city has developed several plans that could help increase roadway safety. Recently the Common Council adopted a Complete Streets Policy and a Pedestrian Plan which recommend various actions to slow traffic and increase public safety. The problem is that the Barrett Administration's 2020 executive budget has recommended virtually no funding to implement these recommendations.

Accordingly, I will offer a budget amendment to add at least \$500,000 in funding to the Multi-modal account (the account that would fund these plans) in the DPW capital budget and move \$700,000 from the traffic signal account to the Multi-modal account to fund the implementation of as many of the recommended safety actions as possible.

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