

To: Minneapolis City Council  
Minneapolis Public Works

From: Minneapolis Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Date: December 6, 2017

Subject: Pedestrian Crash Study

### **Pedestrian Crash Study**

The Pedestrian Advisory Committee appreciates the quality, breadth and depth of the Pedestrian Crash Study undertaken by Public Works. The study confirmed many of the PAC's perceptions and concerns about the state of pedestrian safety on local roadways.

- The PAC considers this study a valuable foundation upon which to pursue further study, and to inform implementation of much needed infrastructure improvements that create safer streets for walking.
- It is noteworthy that the study revealed no crashes were reported between cyclists and pedestrians during the study period.
- In light of the study results, we ask Public Works to take the following steps:
  - Explore ways to capture the prevalence and impact of non-reported crashes, crashes where law enforcement were not involved and able to provide data, and near-misses. While these events may not cause substantial physical harm, they are often traumatic and discouraging for walkers.
  - Actively engage Hennepin County and MnDOT in implementation of additional design and other safety measures along roadways within their jurisdiction to eliminate car-pedestrian crashes. The study found that 17 of the top 25 intersections with the most pedestrian crashes involved at least one county road; this is unacceptable and preventable with proper roadway design and other safety measures.