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## MEMORANDUM

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TO: Antoine Bryant, Director, Planning Department  
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FROM: Council Member Angela Whitfield-Calloway *AWC*

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RE: Requesting Information regarding Pedestrianization

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As our city looks to identify avenues to improve connectivity, mobility, and engagement, my office is particularly interested in advocating for the expansion of pedestrianization projects in Detroit. I am excited about the potential benefits such initiatives can and have brought to our city. It is my hope that our future plans and strategies for expanding pedestrian-friendly spaces in Detroit will relieve us of our auto-centric dependency and truly embody what it means to be designated as UNESCO's First American City of Design. Please find below my questions:

### Existing Pedestrianization Projects:

- a. Can you provide an overview of the current pedestrianization projects in Detroit? Which areas have been successfully pedestrianized, and what measurable benefits have been observed thus far?
- b. What lessons have been learned from these existing projects, and how will they inform future expansion efforts?

### Expansion Strategy:

- a. Is there a specific roadmap or strategy in place for expanding pedestrianization projects across different neighborhoods in Detroit? If so, could you provide an outline of the key steps and timelines involved?
- b. What factors are considered when prioritizing areas for expansion? Are there plans to target specific districts, commercial corridors, or residential neighborhoods?

### Collaboration and Partnerships:

- a. How are we collaborating across relevant city departments and agencies, such as transportation, public works, or economic development, to support the expansion of pedestrianization projects?



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b. Are there opportunities for partnerships with community organizations, advocacy groups, or private stakeholders to accelerate the expansion efforts?

**Funding and Resources:**

a. What financial resources are currently allocated to pedestrianization projects in Detroit? Are there plans to increase funding in the future to support the expansion?

b. How does the Planning Department leverage external funding sources, such as grants or public-private partnerships, to maximize the resources available for pedestrianization initiatives?

**Public Engagement:**

a. What methods are being employed to engage the public and gather their input regarding the expansion of pedestrianization? Are there plans for public forums, surveys, or workshops to ensure community involvement?

b. How are we addressing concerns or opposition from community members who may have reservations about pedestrianization? Are there strategies in place to address potential conflicts or mitigate any negative impacts?

**Monitoring and Evaluation:**

a. What metrics or indicators are being used to assess the success and impact of pedestrianization projects? How do we monitor and evaluate the outcomes to inform future decision-making?

b. Are there plans for conducting comprehensive studies or assessments to analyze the economic, environmental, and social benefits of pedestrianization in Detroit?

My office hopes that this will provide valuable insights into the planning and expansion of pedestrianization projects in our city. I am committed to advocating for pedestrian-friendly urban spaces and believe that a well-informed approach will contribute to the success of these initiatives. Thank you for making Detroit a more vibrant and livable city.

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