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Logsdon Effort Ensures Safety Upgrade at School Crossing in Oak Creek

MILWAUKEE – Supervisor Patti Logsdon has secured a commitment from the Milwaukee County Department of Transportation (DOT) to fund improvements to a crosswalk in front of the Oak Creek West Middle School.

Logsdon has been working with the Milwaukee County DOT, the Oak Creek School District, and local leaders to improve pedestrian safety at the school crossing on a busy stretch of 13th St., also known as County Highway V, for several months.

“Community leaders alerted me to a potential safety issue at the crossing on 13th last summer, and we've been working hard on this since then. I'm pleased that we are making good progress to improve the visibility of this crossing. We've got to make sure our kids and their parents are safe,” said Logsdon.

Tim Culver, Oak Creek-Franklin Joint School District's Superintendent, reached out to Supervisor Logsdon about the safety of the crosswalk shortly after she was first elected in April 2018.

Logsdon has been working with Culver, School Board President Frank Carini, Oak Creek Mayor Dan Bukiewicz, and the Milwaukee County DOT to develop a plan for improving the visibility of the crosswalk through better signage and roadway striping.

“The measures that Milwaukee County DOT are taking to improve visibility are welcome and will help ensure the safety of children and adults. Despite the improvements, we're still recommending that the best way to ensure your kids arrive safely at school is to use the available bus service,” said Culver.

In 2002 the school district began a special hazardous busing program for the neighborhood east of 13th Street so students wouldn't have to use the 13th Street crosswalk to reach the school.

Logsdon expressed her appreciation to everyone who has been involved in the project, including Milwaukee County DOT staff, Oak Creek mayor, police, and engineers, plus all the staff at the Oak Creek-Franklin Joint School District.

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