

After listening to the concerns of the community, BDC made the following specific asks:

1. That the burden of policing the Gross/Cypress intersection be removed immediately from Zone 5 and taxpayers, and paid for by UPMC. Not only is this ethically the right thing, it also will ensure consistent enforcement during the peak times of 6-9am and 4-7pm, which has not happened to date. I have already sent Commander Vinansky and yourself an email to begin that process.
2. If not already completed, add 4-5 garbage cans to the UPMC-owned greenspace along Cypress Street, and one at the Gross Street garage entrance, with signage targeting hospital employees to make them aware that their litter is impacting a community. These cans were not in place when checked after the community meeting.
3. Monitor and remove litter from Cypress and Gross. There is precedent in our neighborhood for a large entity maintaining litter in a city-owned community space, where the litter is caused primarily by their staff.
4. Submit a formal request to DoMI, copying in BDC and the Councilwoman, requesting a painted 30 foot buffer to be painted on each side of all four ways at the Gross/Cypress intersection, to be paid for by UPMC. This will increase visibility of and for pedestrians, protecting them from turning cars, as well as allow UPMC shuttles and cars at the intersections to move to the side and not cause jams at the intersections.
5. Submit a formal request to DoMI, copying in BDC and the Councilwoman, to upgrade all crosswalks across and horizontal to Cypress to high-visibility piano key crosswalk, to be paid for by UPMC.
6. Heavily enforce mask-wearing by employees when walking through the neighborhood. This continues to be a large and urgent issue. Placing an employee at the corner of Baum/Cypress to remind them of this may be necessary if the situation continues.
7. Communicate updates every two weeks with the attendees of the community meeting as well as additional stakeholders and residents I've added onto this email.
8. Assist the neighborhood in addressing three issues on lower Gross Street: Utility pole with Fios terminal hanging precariously, caved in drain trench, and fire hydrant that needs protection from vehicle impact. BDC wants to help advocate for these repairs. If you keep me copied into communication with the various departments, I can monitor the situation and follow up consistently.

UPMC Luna Garage Community Meeting
August 12, 2020

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Timeline

- 7/13 First observation of crack between sidewalk and driveway. Expanded quickly
- 7/14 Driveway closed, emergency entrance on Gross Street activated
- 7/19 Retaining wall fails

Immediate Actions

- Moved 250 parking employees to other facilities throughout campus
- Added shuttles to convey employees to Luna Garage via Gross Street
- Assessment of cause of failure - not yet determined
- Engaged city police to help with traffic at peak hospital shift times

Questions/Answers

1. How many cars park there now?
 - a. Approximately 400
 - b. UPMC states they will add NO NEW LEASES for the duration of the driveway reconstruction
2. What are the police shift times, where are they?
 - a. 6-9am and 4-7pm, at Baum/Cypress and Gross/Cypress
3. Are you paying the police
 - a. Baum/Cypress YES
 - b. Gross/Cypress NO, police said they would do it as part of their community policing initiative
4. Intense traffic issues, endangering families with children and pedestrians who live at or near the Gross/Cypress intersection. Large shuttles can't pass through with other cars and are snarling traffic in shuttle stand offs
 - a. Requested that UPMC create 30-foot buffers back from all sides of intersections to provide more visibility and a place for cars/shuttles to move over to mitigate jams.
 - b. BDC rep suggested traffic engineer Cindy Giampole be engaged to look for other creative solutions
 - c. Could shuttles be staggered more? They tend to pass each other at the same time
5. Garbage, mostly disposable masks, being littered heavily
 - a. UPMC rep states they added garbage cans onto their property on Cypress (greenspace along black fence)

- b. Neighbors point out that there are no garbage cans (editor's note: confirmed that evening that there are no garbage cans)
- 6. Foot traffic - most employees are not wearing masks while walking through neighborhood. Extremely dangerous to each other and neighbors. There are many older adults and children
 - a. UPMC will continue with heavy messaging to employees
- 7. Lower Gross Street safety issues for employees and community
 - a. Fios terminal hanging from pole
 - b. Unprotected fire hydrant can easily be hit since street is narrow
 - c. Drain trench caved in
 - d. Abandoned vehicle
 - i. UPMC reps stated that they don't have control over that area, or the public areas in general, but will work with their contacts to try to have the issues fixed
- 8. How will the community receive updates about the project?
 - a. UPMC committed to email updates every two weeks until the project is resolved