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City of Waukesha Cover Sheet

Committee: Board of Public Works	BPW Meeting Date: 3/5/2026
ID Number: ID#26-03085	Ordinance/Resolution Number (if applicable):
Department Submitting: Department of Public Works	Common Council Meeting Date: 3/19/2026
Agenda Item Title: Review and possible action on the installation of guardrail in front of 524 Madison Street	

Issue Before the Council:

This item was brought forward by Ald. Payne as a referral to install guardrail in front of 524 Madison Street. Residents raised the concern over initiative driving resulting in vehicles leaving the roadway at this location.

Options & Alternatives:

1. Do not install guardrail or bollards
2. Install approximately 40 ft of guardrail
3. Install concrete bollards
4. Install chevron style signing to denote curve

Additional Details:

In discussions with Ald. Payne, the complaint came from the resident at 524 Madison Street who reported several people who have failed to navigate the curve and end up on the terrace. Madison Street is posted at 25 MPH and the location of the proposed guardrail would only prevent vehicles traveling uphill from running off the road.

In discussions with contractors the approximate cost of installation of the guardrail is \$7,000. City staff could install this guardrail, but this would take significantly longer to install and would take staff away from completing other tasks. If City staff completed this work, the approximate cost would be \$1,500 (material cost only). Alternatively, City staff could install concrete bollards at approximately \$300/each, or chevron style signing at \$100/each.

Installing additional locations of guardrail within the right of way does come with increasing the risk of bodily injury to vehicle passengers during impact. Due to this increased risk, it is not recommended from an engineering perspective to install additional guardrail along Madison Street.

What is the Strategic Plan Priority this item relates to:

N/A

What impact will this item have on the Strategic Plan Priority?

N/A

Financial Remarks:

Depending on which alternative selected, cost ranges from \$200 to \$7,000. All costs would be funded from the City's operating budget out of the following account:

Expense account: 3310.54141 (Current Budget Remaining \$5,737.52 + \$7,126.78 pending 2025 carryover)

Suggested Motion:

Recommend and approve the installation of guardrail in front of 524 Madison Street with a cost not to exceed \$7,000.

Reviewed By:

City Attorney Brian Running	Date Reviewed
Finance Director Joseph P. Ciarro	Date Reviewed
City Administrator Anthony W. Brown	Date Reviewed

