Public Safety Update: September 12, 2022

**Completed ✓**

Since the second public safety forum, we’ve:

- Launched the U of M safety campaign for the Twin Cities campus.
- Deployed the UMPD Community Engagement Team every day during Welcome Week.
- Launched Dinkytown Alerts, a pilot program through December 31 that incorporates MPD updates outside the required Clery geography.
- Renewed our contract with the Safety Guides program for an additional year.
- Hired an assistant director for safety communications.
- Offered UMPD officer positions to several candidates and continued actively recruiting for more.
- Installed steel plates in Dinkytown to curb exhibition racing.
- Announced that the Minnesota State Patrol and Sheriff’s Office have added additional officers around campus and Metro Transit has increased their number of officers around the light rail.

**In Progress**

Since the second public safety forum, we are in the midst of:

- Recommending to the Board of Regents that the University request $5 million in recurring public safety funding from the Legislature as part of the University’s 2023 request. The Board of Regents is expected to vote on this legislative request in October. Those initiatives include doubling the planned number of security officers on campus; expanding overtime patrol shifts per week; replacing police vehicles, old security equipment, and outdated building access; adding a second K-9 unit for special events and campus safety; and maintaining IT systems that run safety technology.
- Interviewing applicants for 10 community safety officer positions.
- Conducting interviews for the safety communications consultant.
- Reviewing many student applications for security monitor positions.
- Evaluating, with the city, local businesses, and the MPD, the results of the Dinkytown Safety and Pedestrian Access Pilot before proposing more permanent solutions.
-Awaiting a decision on our submitted budget request to the City of Minneapolis for 170 additional streetlights for the entire Marcy Holmes/Dinkytown area. This $2.83 million dollar request has to be approved via the city’s budget process.
- Increasing regular communication with stakeholders.
- Reviewing DPS survey data and consulting with university leaders and governance on priorities.
- Working with the City of Minneapolis to add two Blue Light Kiosks in the Dinkytown Area.