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## NOTICE OF CROSSING ZONE AT US 17 AND BANANA STREET

Dear City of Bowling Green Residents,

We are writing to inform you of an important change regarding the crossing zone at US 17 and Banana Street. In conjunction with the City of Bowling Green and in collaboration with the Department of Transportation, the Bowling Green Police Department will be closing this crossing zone due to increased traffic and pedestrian fatalities in the area. This measure will be effective at the start of the new school year.

The decision to close the crossing zone is driven by serious safety concerns for pedestrians, the school crossing guard, and motorists. Over recent years, despite our ongoing efforts, there have been multiple incidents where vehicles did not yield to the crossing guard, who has faced significant danger while attempting to manage traffic. Additionally, poor lighting and fog during early morning hours have further impaired visibility, complicating safe crossing for all involved.

To enhance safety, all vehicle and school bus traffic should use East Main Street as an alternative route to and from the school. Pedestrian traffic should use the designated school zone route to cross US 17 at Main Street.

To ensure the safety of students and all road users, crossing guards will be stationed at the following locations:

- US 17 and Main Street
- Chester Avenue and Main Street
- Church Avenue and Main Street

The Bowling Green Police Department and the City of Bowling Green are dedicated to upholding our responsibility to keep residents safe and serve our community with the utmost commitment. We believe this action is essential for the protection of everyone in our area.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work to improve safety in our community. Should you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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Attachment: New Road Map