## Center St. and Linden St.: both hazardous and divisive

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Gadfly:

It's hard to find fault with the article in the Morning Call by Bethlehem Councilman J. William Reynolds on the North Side.

It's nice that a priority is converting Linden Street between Church Street and Fairview Street back to a two-way street.

It would be even nicer if Center Street between Church Street and Elizabeth Avenue were similarly converted.

Center Street is the bigger problem, especially when cars jockey for position as they approach the single lane north of Elizabeth Avenue. NASCAR does not belong in an urban neighborhood. The city-wide accident statistics I have seen bear this out.

These two streets are not only among the most hazardous in the city, they serve to divide the North Side into distinct and separate neighborhoods.

Bill