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Subject: Traffic Calming — Walnut Grove Park, Westfield Road @ Farmington Way
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I reviewed the meeting materials, and did not see the intersections along Westfield next to Walnut Grove Park (specifically Westfield and Farmington) mentioned in any future traffic study. Please help me find this if I have missed it.

Walnut Grove Park has a well loved green space, playground, trail system, and dog park, but it is dangerous to cross Westfield to access it. This is because of the number of cars parked blocking visibility, the amount of vehicles speeding, and the low visibility angle of Westfield. My family and I have experienced near misses with speeding cars, as well as cars stopping unexpectedly for pedestrians at Westfield and Farmington causing further traffic issues. We need reduced speed, better signage, high visibility cross walks, and potentially additional stop signs to make this a safer park.

The current speed limit on Westfield is 30 mph. Per the city of Madison's "20 is Plenty" program for residential streets, the following metrics are listed for driving 30 mph: the field of vision is significantly reduced for drivers, there is a 40% likelihood of fatality or severe injury if stuck, and 200 feet necessary to come to a complete stop at that speed. I believe we are very close to the 200 foot threshold required at 30 mph to be able to come to a complete stop at Westfield and Farmington given visibility issues. This would be assuming the driver is going the speed limit, and that the family/children/dog-walker are seen by the driver while crossing, that we have 200 feet necessary to stop. We don't want something tragic to happen to see a change here. <https://www.cityofmadison.com/transportation/initiatives/vision-zero/vision-zero-projects/20-is-plenty>

I support a study being done to protect the safety of my family, and the people of our neighborhood. I support the request for traffic calming measures proposed by Derek Pavelec as well as the previously submitted requests of our Walnut Grove HOA president Liz Fenster.

Thank you,

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