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I'm against the inclusion of speed humps and raised crosswalks in the Lake Mendota Drive project because they are more dangerous than many people realize. If you Google 'speed bump injuries' the first two listings are medical articles about speed bump-induced spinal damage. The larger study looked at 46 patients, ages 16 to 70, 80% of them women. Its abstract concludes: "Seating in a motor vehicle... as it passes over a speed hump may cause severe traumatic spine injuries. These fractures... may require surgery."

The third Google listing is a personal injury lawyer in Philadelphia seeking to help people sue over speed bump related injuries. It would be kinder and smarter for Madison to eliminate speed bumps as soon as possible, before someone breaks their back and sues the City.

Also, I just want to point out that in many areas newer cars can use GPS to know the speed limit for the street they're driving on. They display it on the dashboard. It would be very possible to produce cars which refuse to exceed the speed limit. Would Americans buy them? Probably not, but if we don't care enough about speeding to embrace an easy technological fix that comes with some personal inconvenience, then we probably shouldn't care enough about it to impose "traffic calming" measures that risk fracturing people's spines.

Please, no speed humps on Lake Mendota Drive! Or anywhere else, really.

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