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Dear Transportation Committee,

I understand that you will be discussing the placement of crossing guards for Thoreau Elementary School at today's meeting. I cannot attend the meeting, but I hope you will take this comment into consideration.

I strongly support placing a crossing guard at the intersection of Cherokee and Midvale. My reasons are partly selfish as our daughter would cross there if there was a guard (right now, we usually drop her off on the school side of Midvale so she doesn't have to cross), but I think it would be the best place for a guard for everyone in the neighborhood.

It is centrally located - kids who currently cross Midvale at Nakoma could walk down the hill to Cherokee - and it is an intersection with good visibility, a crosswalk that drivers already are aware of and flashing lights to show cars that pedestrians are crossing/about to cross. I believe Yuma and Midvale has also been suggested, but that intersection has none of those things and poor sightlines for drivers.

I also know that there are already a number of Thoreau students in this neighborhood who would utilize that intersection (I can think of at least 10 without putting much effort into it) and there are a lot of children who are not yet school-age (I think there are six just on our side of our block) who would use this intersection for years to come if it had a crossing guard.

Thanks for your consideration and feel free to reach out if you want to discuss further.

Regards,

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