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To the Common Council  
City of Madison  
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Bld  
Madison, WI 53703

Mr. Noel Radomski  
5521 Terre Haute Av.  
Madison, WI 53705

Re: Traffic Islands on Capital Avenue

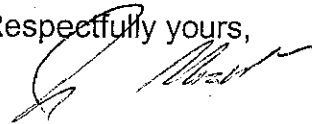
Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please note that my husband, Willy Straubhaar, and I **strongly object** to any Traffic Islands or Speed Bumps on Capital Avenue for the many reasons I outlined in my letter of February 1, copy of which is attached.

Furthermore, I would like to remind you that the City Engineer, Mr. Larry Nelson, and his staff are also against them. These people worked very hard with our neighborhood at the time of the sidewalk planning and construction, studying in detail all the traffic patterns, the accessibility from the side streets and driveways, as well as possible speed reduction options. They too came to the conclusion that speed bumps and islands would be a poor choice. Thanks to their efforts, Capital Avenue is now as safe for pedestrians and drivers as it can possibly be within its boundaries. I could not even imagine how the situation would be with all the snow like we have had most recently. It would become almost impossible for us to exit out of Baker Avenue – the only egress for some 23 homeowners and their families!

Ladies and Gentlemen: I hope that you sincerely consider our needs and objections as well as those of the City Engineering Department. I would also like to invite you to visit our neighborhood in person before you make a final decision.

Respectfully yours,



Enc.

cc: Mr. Larry D. Nelson,  
City Engineering Department

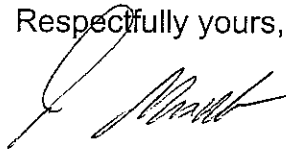
5. Further, I also strongly object to speed bumps which some drivers might circumvent by driving in the oncoming traffic lane instead of slowing down.

Besides, the idea of speed bumps on Capital Avenue was rejected most recently at the time of the lengthy Sidewalk Negotiations in the spring of 2005 because of their implications on the City and County as well as other public vehicles.

Your careful consideration of my objections to the proposed Pedestrian Enhancements on Capital Avenue will be greatly appreciated.

If anything, a possible Voluntary Parents Patrol during school bus loading and unloading times might be the best solution.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Smith", written over the typed name "J. Smith".

Enc: "Capital Avenue Speed Humps/Traffic Islands" questionnaire

cc: Ald. Noel Radomski, District 19  
Kathryn Seifert & Roy Schenk