

Madison Land Company

*One Langdon Street
Madison, WI 53703*

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Madison Metro Transit
1245 E. Washington Ave.
Suite 201
Madison, WI 53703

Re: Audible Alarms

I have owned the Kennedy Manor at 1 Langdon Street for over 50 years and have worked hard to make it a home for people who want considerate, thoughtful neighbors. We make it clear, respect for neighbor's privacy and peace is paramount and we obtain a pledge from new residents that they will cooperate by never playing music or televisions in a way that other residents can hear them. We have never had to advertise the property. People want to live at the Kennedy Manor.

Obviously there are occasional times when loud fire engines drive by, or a loud motorcycle, or during the construction of the Edgewater construction vehicles that had back up beepers, those sounds are not as upsetting because they are temporary or occasional. The knowledge that an annoying sound will occur with regularity is unwelcome and upsetting whether it be right in downtown or any suburban location.

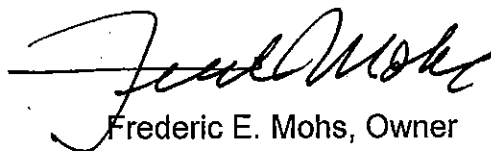
I understand that the current audible alarms were installed as the best way anyone could think of at the time to keep from having an incident occur again. I am not an expert, but I am of the opinion that the solution chosen was not the best one. It was not the best one because it is annoying and an ever growing number of people find the solution damaging to their peace and comfort, but also because I don't think it is the most direct and effective solution to the problem.

As I understand it, the problem is that at one point a pedestrian was able to walk in front of a Madison bus without the bus driver being able to see that person. Perhaps this was because the person was very short and stayed very close to the bus, and therefore, in spite of the fact that the bus has a huge windshield and a skilled and professional driver, the pedestrian did something that was successful in hiding themselves from the driver's view. Put another way, the problem is not that people don't know that there is a bus there (which is what the beeper would be good for) because everyone can see and hear a bus. The problem must be that a person might be able to more or less sneak in front of the bus in a way that the bus driver could not see the pedestrian. In my opinion, the alarm would not solve that problem. There is however, a simple and cost effective solution that would not require the audible alarm, but yet it presents the warning in the most effective way and also would have the benefit of pre-

warning the public that walking directly in front of a bus at any time is a bad idea. Here it is:

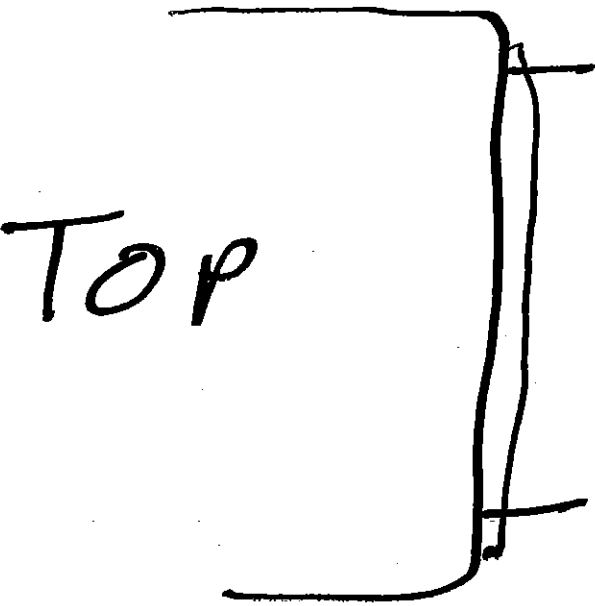
The idea would be to install two blade signs (up and down) at eye level on both sides of the bus at about eye level for the average person. The sign would say "DANGER: Do not walk in front of bus." There even could be continual small flashing lights attached to the sign that would additionally call attention to the sign. I have enclosed a picture. I believe this solution directly, and silently, solves the problem of people walking in front of a bus in a way that the driver could not see them. In contrast, the audible alarm does not send a clear message that walking in front of the bus in a way that is out of the view of the driver is a dangerous thing to do. I strongly urge that this solution, or something like it, be implemented.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frederic E. Mohs". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Frederic E. Mohs, Owner

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