

November 22, 2013

TO: Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Motor Vehicle Commission

FROM: Janet Hyde and Bill Dunlop
On behalf of the Regent Neighborhood and St. Andrew's Church

RE: Regent-Roby Intersection

We ask the City of Madison to improve the safety, for pedestrians, of the intersection of Regent St. and Roby Rd. by installing a traffic signal (or by some other means if the City Traffic Engineer believes that there is a more effective method). Too many of us have seen near misses there, or have felt personally unsafe while walking across that intersection.

The Problem: The Regent-Roby intersection lies at the west end of the Randall Elementary School playground. It is on a hill that slopes down from west to east. The problem is that pedestrians trying to cross at the intersection feel unsafe for two reasons: (1) Eastbound (inbound) traffic on Regent St. cannot see pedestrians until the driver reaches the crest of the hill, and then it is too late. (2) The pedestrian likewise cannot see if a car is coming because of the hill.

- We have collected more than 75 signatures on a petition to the City to improve the safety of the intersection. The signatures come from both neighborhood residents and members of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, which lies at the southeast corner of the intersection. Church members, especially those with small children and the elderly, have great difficulty in crossing safely to get to church.
- In the process of collecting these signatures, we heard numerous stories of near misses at the intersection. These are not reflected in the City's statistics on actual crashes. In most cases of near misses, the driver is motivated not to report it.
- The Traffic Engineer computed that there was a safe sight distance for eastbound traffic from the crest of the hill to the intersection. However, we believe that this computation was based on an assumed speed of the speed limit, 25 mph. We have collected data on the actual speed of cars at the crest of the hill, at many different hours and on different days, and have found that roughly 25% are travelling at 30 mph or more. We request that the sight distance be recomputed at that speed.
- The situation is the worst in the winter, when eastbound cars on Regent pop over the hill and suddenly see that there's a slope down. The street is icy and they slam on their brakes. One neighbor once observed a car that skidded down 3 or 4 front yards of the houses on the south side of Regent. It sounds funny, except that if the person had been 5 feet from where he was, he would have been hit by the car.
- Although Regent is a major thoroughfare, the block to the west of the intersection is completely residential and the block to the east combines residential, elementary school, and a church. It is a neighborhood in which people like to walk – but walk safely.
- We have worked cooperatively with our Alder, Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, as well as the office of the Traffic Engineer, to get to the point of presenting at this meeting.

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	Date	Signature	Name (printed)	Address
1.	7/21/13		Andrew B. Jones	2902 PELHAM RD MADISON, WI 53713
2.	7/21/13		Janet Hyde	2015 Chadbourne
3.	7/21/13		Janet MacDonald	8511 Greenway Blvd #399
4.	7/21/13		Kay Liddicoat	12 N Allen St Madison 53705
5.	7/21/13		Ann Rahn	2916 Columbia Rd Madison 53705
6.	7-21-13		Anne Keller	5856 Thorstrand Rd. Madison, WI 53705
7.	7-21-13		Katherine P. Rheume	527 Algoma St. Madison, WI 53704
8.	7/21/13		Steven M. Chadden	Madison WI 53711
9.	7/21/13		Judith S. Burnham	2787 Richardson St. Madison, WI 53711
10.	7/21/13		Leila Nijim	3018 Manchester Rd 53719
11.	7/21/13		Elaine Orr	6301 Overshore Dr 53705
12.	7/21/13		Krista Peterson	6502 Bettysburg Dr 53705
13.	7/21/13		Amy Dunlop	1843 Barrington Dr. 53590
14.	7/21/13		Lides Cynric	
15.	7/21/13		Carolyn Chadderton	5179 Hill Top Fishburg WI
16.	7/21/13		PETER L. MOLKMEYER	1128 University Bay Drive
17.	7/21/13		Helen Yan	521 N Franklin #4
18.	7/21/13		Andrew Yan	521 N Franklin #4
19.	7/21/13		Ken Stancer	3517 B City Rd CV Madison, WI 53704

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20.	7/21/2013		Eileen J. Porter	2949 Winter Park Pl. Madison, WI 53719
21.	7/21/2013		Dale Veerhosen	2949 Winter Park Pl. Madison, WI 53719
22.	7/21/2013		Suzanne B. Jones	2920 Pelham Rd Madison, WI 53713
23.	7/21/13		Rebekah Melton	2810 Dahl St. Madison, WI 53704
24.	7/21/13		Jonathan Melton	" "
25.	7/21/13		Paul Burnham	2787 Richards St Fitchburg, WI 53711
26.	7/21/13		Dorota Pruski	1009 Lowell St. #4 Madison WI 53715
27.	7/21/13		Wayne Vander Zanden	601 Harper Drive Verona WI 53593
28.	7/21/13		William H. Dunlap, PE	1843 BARRINGTON DR SUN PRAIRIE, WI 53590
29.	7/21/13		Nancy Griswold	306 N Brooks St #219 Madison WI 53715
30.	7/21/13		Peter Luiti-Mills	830 S. Gamma Rd #1 Madison WI 53719
31.	7/21/13		Tim Vanderburg	1713 Francis St. Madison, WI 53713
32.	7/27/13		Wendy Lister	2321 Kendall Ave Madison, WI 53726
33.	7/26/13		Jim Lister	2321 Kendall Madison
34.	7/28/13		Judy Ohm	2706 Van Hise Ave. Madison WI 53705
35.	7/28/13		Edmund J. Elder, Jr.	7401 NORTH PASS MADISON, WI 53719
36.	7/28/13		MARY H. HASTINGS	5213 Burnwell Dr Madison WI 53705

* NELLE WEISS
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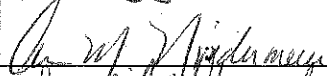



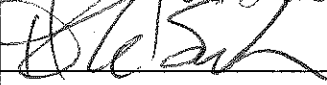
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37.	Aug 4, 2013	<i>Bernard Z. Hiedlander</i>	Bernard Z. Hiedlander	202 N Eau Claire Madison
38.	Aug 4, 2013	<i>Catherine Renser</i>	Catherine Renser	1123 Sherman Ave Madison
* 39.	Aug 4, 2013	<i>NAN BEYER-MEARS</i>	NAN BEYER-MEARS	120 ELY PLACE *
40.	Aug 4, 2013	<i>Susan Fiore</i>	Susan Fiore	3256 Timber Ln. Verona, WI 53593
41.	Aug 4, 2013	<i>JIM FIORE</i>	JIM FIORE	3256 Timber Ln Verona WI 53593
42.	Aug 4, 2013	<i>Vivian Brigham</i>	Vivian Brigham	6409 Inner dr Madison WI
43.	8/4/13	<i>Michael W. Peller</i>	Michael W. Peller	LL L
44.	8/4/13	<i>Jackie Luther</i>	JACKIE LUTHER	1702 Golden Oak Ln Madison WI 53711
45.	8/4/13	<i>LARRY LUTHER</i>	LARRY LUTHER	1702 Golden Oak
46.	8/4/13	<i>Paul Porter</i>	Paul Porter	1459 E. MAIN ST MADISON, WI 53703
47.	8/4/13	<i>Andy Porter</i>	Andy Porter	2038 WILLIAMS DR Stoughton WI 53589
48.	8/4/13	<i>Gerald Chester</i>	Gerald Chester	2 Robin Circle Madison WI 53705
49.	8.4.13	<i>JUDITH MILLER</i>	JUDITH MILLER	48 WATERFORD #109 MADISON WI 53719
50.	8.4/13	<i>Banton Taylor</i>	Banton Taylor	3906 PRISCILLA Madison 53705
51.	8.4.13	<i>Henry Peters</i>	Henry Peters	47 Bagley Ct. 53705
52.	8.4.13	<i>JASON ATKISSON</i>	JASON ATKISSON	5252 Starnap Dr. Fitchburg, WI 53711
53.	8-4-13	<i>Dorothy BATT</i>	Dorothy BATT	6209 Mineral Pt. Rd #521 Madison 53705
54.	8-4-13	<i>P. Dean Corbae</i>	P. Dean Corbae	3210 Lake Mendota Dr Madison, 53705
55.	8-4-13	<i>Sue Schaar</i>	Sue Schaar	5305 Spicebush Lane Madison 53714

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* what about 2-hour parking on 1800 block?

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7-24-13		ERIC R. DUMMER	1821 REGENT ST.
7-24-13		ANN M. NIEDERMEIER	1819 REGENT ST.
7-24-13		DONALD L. CHAMBERS	1819 Regent St.
7-24-13		Robert J Conki	1815 Regent St.
7-24-13		Nancy A. Beck	45 Spooner St
7-24-13		PJH Sullivan	1807 Regent St

Strongly feels a little so we need to
 lined with the one @ Regent/Spooner