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Dear Satya Rhodes-Conway,

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I am writing to ask you something. Will you make the streets of Madison safer around parks? This is mostly a problem in a neighborhood that I know. The neighborhood is called Walnut Grove and there is a certain street called N Westfeld Rd. There is a park on one side of the street and kids live in houses across the street from the park. A lot of the kids like to play at the park but they have to cross the street to get there. There are also soccer games at the park so sometimes it's very busy. (It's more busy on the weekends.) I would like to know if you can put crosswalks or reduce the speed limit around parks. So people are safer when they cross the street. As I wrote earlier there is a lot of soccer games and it's very dangerous to have cars zooming by because there is nothing that says they can't. An example is that people have to wait for openings to cross and it's hard to find cars that will wait. I hope you will consider my request to make streets safer around parks.

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From Annabel Pavelec 4th grade
crestwood elementary

Thank you!

Annabel -
Thanks for caring
about safety in our
community! As
you'll see in the letter
from our Traffic Engineer,
your letter is making
a difference!
Be well -
Mayor Satup



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Dear Annabel:

Thank you for taking the time to write to Mayor Satya with your concerns on N Westfield Rd near Walnut Grove Park! We will strive to keep our streets as safe as possible, especially around busy parks for children like you.

Traffic Engineering Division has reviewed the situation and looked into different options. We are proposing a safety improvement project on N Westfield Rd near Walnut Grove Park. The project includes lowering the speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph, installing speed humps to slow down traffic, and adding concrete islands at the intersection of N Westfield Rd and Farmington Way to help pedestrians like you cross the street.

As we receive hundreds of such requests from the public every year and we have limited resources to make these improvements, we need to prioritize the projects citywide based on safety, operations and equity considerations. We are working with the City's Transportation Commission on a new program called Safe Streets Madison to prioritize these different needs. We are planning to have our next discussion on this topic with the Transportation Commission at its January 26th or February 9th meeting. I encourage you to participate this process if you are able and ask the commission to consider approving this project.

If approved, the improvements will be implemented in the construction season this year. As the process does take time, we will also plan to add N Westfield Rd to the list of streets to receive mobile speed board deployment to remind drivers to slow down as a temporary educational measure. We will get the boards out on the street as soon as they are available in the spring.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Traffic Engineering office.

Sincerely,

Yang Tao, Ph.D., P.E.
City Traffic Engineer

CC: Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway
Deputy Mayor Katie Crawley
Alder Nikki Conklin