

September 5, 2013

Mayor Paul Soglin
City of Madison
210 MLK, Jr., Blvd
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Mayor Soglin,

It was good seeing you last week at the Black Chamber meeting. As I mentioned to you, I am very glad that you have decided to implement new strategies to assist those of us in minority communities, seeking gainful employment. It has been a rough go of it, for many of us, even with college degrees, and years of experience. If you need citizen input, please don't hesitate to contact me; I will provide first-hand knowledge, and offer meaningful solutions.

The other issue I write to you about, is of great concern to my neighbors and myself, and that is the flow of traffic that passes thru Todd Drive both North and South. The speed limit for the street is 25 mph, but drivers are consistently travelling well above the limit, 35-50 mph. We reside in an area with a good deal of foot traffic, and plenty of youngsters, who are not always as cautious as they need be when crossing the street.

Also, the Metro bus route changed recently, to include Todd Drive, as well as the Metro buses that pick up and drop off students along the road. There are also several restaurants in the vicinity, and their drivers, coupled with the taxis, trucks and vans that come flying by, are dangerous. It is just a matter of time before someone gets injured, because of the speed and carelessness.

I have spoken with my Alder John Strasser, the police and traffic departments. The police put a counter out there a couple of months back, and the engineers came and painted two pedestrian lines on one section of Todd at McDivitt, but Sir, we need all four of the corners to be marked with lines, and the next intersection South at Ardsley should also be painted.

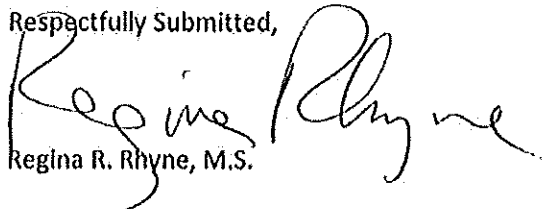
In addition, I would humbly request that two stop signs be placed on Todd Drive at McDivitt, which would slow the flow and speed, and allow pedestrians to at least feel safer crossing and navigating. I know that the engineers believe that this will not deter the speeders, and our Alder is working on other options that need to be put in the budget you all are currently working on, for implementation sometime next year? Stop signs and paint are cheaper than cement, and Todd Drive is really not wide enough for any structures to be placed in the road.

I appreciate your consideration of my request, and if need be, I could start a petition and get as many signatures as you deem necessary. I realize that there are many areas of the city that don't have pedestrian crossings, and that accidents can occur even if they are in place, but as a community-minded individual living on the corner of Todd Drive and McDivitt road, I don't relish having to provide first aid

to someone who gets hurt because of a fast car. One woman in a wheelchair, has already had the experience this year.

Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Regina Rhyne". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Regina R. Rhyne, M.S.

cc: John Strasser, Alderman
Captain Joe Balles, South Precinct
David Dryer, City Engineer