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**Subject:** FW: Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Motor Vehicle Commission Feedback for 11/24 Meeting

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**From:** Stroick, Jule

**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2015 9:08 AM

**To:** Benishek Clark, Anne

**Subject:** FW: Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Motor Vehicle Commission Feedback for 11/24 Meeting

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Regarding – University Hill Farms Neighborhood Plan

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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 18, 2015 9:05 AM

**To:** Stroick, Jule

**Subject:** RE: Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Motor Vehicle Commission Feedback for 11/24 Meeting

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MY MESSAGE

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To: PBMVC Chair and Board Members

Recently it occurred to me that one solution to the drop-off/pick-up congestion for the middle and elementary schools would be to move the Hamilton Middle School bus drop-off/pick-up to Segoe Road.

Right now the buses go to the Waukesha side of the schools and it really does add to the traffic problems on that side especially since they are Madison Metro Buses (note: the yellow school bus for elementary students already drops off on the Segoe Road side of the school in the school parking lot).

The Metro buses for middle school students need to travel on the neighborhood streets (i.e., South Hill, Eau Claire, La Crosse, Waukesha) to get to the Waukesha side of the school, and these streets really are too narrow to really accommodate them. Plus students who walk and bike need to worry more about being on the streets when the buses go by. In addition, since buses are bigger vehicles, they really seem to go faster than what is typical for those residential streets and make the congestion with the cars and pedestrians unsafe.

If the bus drop-off/pick-up for Hamilton Middle School moved to Segoe Rd they could pull up on the side of the street next to the school side walk way all along the street from the school driveway to South Hill -- lots of space. Those students could walk up the sidewalk to the school. It is possible an additional sidewalk on the side that currently doesn't have one may be needed, but that is it. Then re-configuring the street on Segoe Rd. would not be necessary, and car traffic could drop off and pick up on the Waukesha side.

It could also possibly benefit the traffic if it was one-way along the school side of Waukesha Street during drop-off/pick-up times only (meaning traffic would flow in the direction from LaCrosse to Segoe along the school side of the street), to help alleviate cars that come from the other direction (non-school side) and have kids crossing the street from wherever they drop-off or pick-up which can be dangerous. Otherwise, having a drop-off zone for cars only along the school side of the street would really alleviate a lot of the traffic problems (i.e., buses, pedestrians, bikes, cars) that currently exist.

The district has always wanted the middle school buses to be on the Waukesha side of the school, but it really would be better if they could be on the Segoe side where the wider street could accommodate them better and then they wouldn't need to drive on the smaller residential streets of the neighborhood and add to neighborhood traffic.

Anyway, just wanted to provide the idea. I hope it helps.

Thanks,

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2015 9:05 AM

**To:** Stroick, Jule

**Subject:** Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Motor Vehicle Commission Feedback for 10/27 Meeting

Hi Jule,

Below are my family's feedback regarding the location change for drop-off/pick-up at Van Hise and Hamilton schools. I apologize to send it today, but my family and I are just getting over illness. I hope that these comments can still be included in tonight's meeting.

Please let me know any questions you may have or if I need to send this somewhere else. Also, we would also appreciate it if you could please keep our comments anonymous. Thanks, Dolores

**Regarding the location change for drop-off/pick-up at Van Hise and Hamilton schools:**

We assume that the suggestion arose from concerns on Waukesha Street about drop-off and pick-up traffic.

Unfortunately the proposal to move it all to the back of the school off Segoe Road would cause more problems because Segoe Road is already so busy, especially in the morning. Another challenge is that it is one way divided lanes, and there is a bike lane to cross on both divided sides of the street.

Plus those that live on the Waukesha Street side of the school would either have to drive down Regent or Waukesha/Richland Lane to get to the Segoe side of the building just to drop off the kids causing extra traffic on those streets.

And the fact that Segoe Road is divided and there are many that come from south of Mineral Point Rd to drop off, they would need to make a U-turn on Segoe Road to get to the drop-off location.

Or some may decide to simply drop off on the opposite side of the street which would pose a pedestrian safety hazard. Right now there are people who will just park the car where ever to walk the kids in and cross in the middle, etc. This would be worse if everything was moved to the busier Segoe Road side of the schools.

Not to mention the long car queue that would result in the drop off area on Segoe Road, which would add more time and stress to the situation. The new proposed drop-off also doesn't accommodate for the fact that sometimes as a parent you need to walk items in with your child, or talk with a teacher, or pay school fees before or after school.

If the push continues to do this, extra curb structures and a turn-round will be needed to make the traffic flow easily and help with pedestrian safety. This would be complicated because the drop-off time is right during normal morning rush hour traffic when the street is the busiest.

And because it involves two schools with nearly 1500 students altogether, the drop-off and pick-up times are extended. Drop-off is typically from 7:00 - 8:40 am (with a slight break in the middle), and pick-up is between 2:30 - 3:30 pm (and about 1 hour earlier on Mondays due to early release).

Lastly, who would pay for the required street restructuring to accommodate moving the location? Is the city planning to cover the cost of the street restructuring that would be needed to accommodate this or where would the money for it come from? Would additional patrols also be added to make sure of safe compliance?

It is our view that other solutions must be considered, which would accommodate for all these things, reduce cost, and make it safer and easier to drop-off/pick-up all kids on both sides of the school.