
From: [Monte](#)

Sent: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 8:19 AM

To: [Nash, Jeremy](#); [McGuigan, Patrick](#); [Winter, Mark](#); [Foster, Grant](#); [Ann Kovich](#); [Tao, Yang](#)

Cc: [Emily Reigel Wilson](#)

Subject: Blind Corner at 4506 Buckeye please help

Hello Jeremy,

I was wondering if you could point us towards the results of the all way stop study you informed us would be conducted. We weren't sure if it was available online.

Alas, we wonder if it has not garnered enough evidence to support further action from the city. If not, I am interested in learning what the rules are for us providing more warnings as my wife recently had a very close call with a vehicle while placing out trash can out for pick up.

Monte and Emma Wilson

I will let you know the results of the all-way stop study as soon as it has been completed

Sent From My Planet

On Aug 25, 2020, at 8:24 PM, Emily Reigel Wilson
<unpleasantville@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello,

Thank you very much for getting back to us, regarding this dangerous intersection and stretch of road. We routinely see people driving what must be 45-50 miles per hour (at least), down our street. Most seem to be coming from Stoughton Road, but people seem to use Buckeye as a cut-through, from Monona Drive to Stoughton Road, so this happens from both directions. The "bump-outs" implemented by the City have not made a difference in this respect, and if anything, since the Buckeye project was completed, traffic speed has increased (probably because the road is now smooth and new). Whether or not this speed issue is appropriately addressed by a stop sign is a question we cannot answer, but we are hopeful that you will be able to assist us, in some meaningful way.

In addition to the concerns raised in earlier emails, we have observed that, at the Shaffer intersection, there are two crosswalks. It is not possible to see traffic coming from the bottom of the Buckeye hill, at the time of crossing Buckeye, which is quite dangerous for pedestrians. We really believe that there is a need for some kind of speed control, to slow vehicles down or stop them, at this

intersection. We plan to provide some videos of vehicles speeding around the corner in this manner (juxtaposed with a video of a vehicle driving the speed limit), as a demonstration of what we are experiencing, on a regular basis.

One word of caution about the stop study (you probably know this already, but just in case): Shaffer Road is Currently under construction, from the Buckeye intersection to West Lakeview. If there is a traffic study done, it will not likely yield reliable results, if it is done during construction, as the road is currently closed to all but local traffic.

We appreciate the “blind driveway” sign, as this is very accurate. We hope that some people will take note.

Please let us know of any questions, and thank you again for your continued involvement.

Emily and Monte Wilson

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 24, 2020, at 5:05 PM, Nash, Jeremy
<JNash@cityofmadison.com> wrote:

Hi Monte,

Thank you for your patience, I wanted to provide an update about where we are at with our review of the situation.

Regarding stop signs at the intersection of Buckeye Rd and Shaffer Ave, I started an all-way stop study at this intersection to determine whether it meets warrants for additional stop signs. From previous experience, I would be surprised if this intersection meets warrants but we will conduct the full study to be sure. The all-way stop study includes a volume/speed study as well as a manual turning count study which we are a little bit behind on at the moment but I will let you know the results of the all-way stop study as soon as it has been completed.

In the meantime, we will be installing yellow Blind Driveway signage on Buckeye Rd that traffic heading west on Buckeye Rd will see prior to the curve. This will alert drivers to the presence of your driveway before the curve in the road.

My contact information is below, don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or would like an update on where we are at with the all-way stop study.

Thanks,
Jeremy Nash
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From: Tao, Yang <YTao@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 2:44 PM
To: 'montelipka@yahoo.com' <montelipka@yahoo.com>
Cc: 'unpleasantville@gmail.com' <unpleasantville@gmail.com>; Nash, Jeremy <JNash@cityofmadison.com>; McGuigan, Patrick <PMcGuigan@cityofmadison.com>; Winter, Mark <MWinter@cityofmadison.com>; Foster, Grant <district15@cityofmadison.com>; 'Ann Kovich' <annelizabethkovich@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Blind Corner at 4506 Buckeye please help

Good afternoon Monte,

Thank you for bringing this to our attention! Just a quick update that staff is reviewing it. Jeremy will be in touch with you soon.

Stay well!

Yang

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From: Monte <montelipka@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 2:02 PM
To: Transportation Commission

<TransportationCommission@cityofmadison.com>; Foster, Grant
<district15@cityofmadison.com>; McGuigan, Patrick
<PMcGuigan@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Emily Reigel Wilson <unpleasantville@gmail.com>
Subject: Blind Corner at 4506 Buckeye please help

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Hello,
I realize everyone has alot going on, but I was wondering if I could get a reply concerning my last few emails concerning the blind corner near the intersection of Buckeye and Shaffer.

I have attached the emails below for your convenience.

Once again, thank you for any assistance you can provide.

Monte

Sent From My Planet

On Jul 26, 2020, at 6:15 PM, Monte
<montelipka@yahoo.com> wrote:

To whom it may concern,

I watched parts of your last Transportation Commission meeting and learned that stop signs are thought to be a last resort for traffic control. However, our issue is that we are in danger each time we leave our driveway.

It is difficult for us to see cars (which are often turning the blind corner at speeds that obviously exceed the limit of 25mph.) In addition it is very difficult for the cars to see us, due to the turn and wall combination.

Installing a stop sign would provide the opportunity for traffic coming around the corner to stop and see us as we are exiting the driveway and give us an opportunity to allow oncoming traffic to safely pass. If this is not a possibility, I ask that you let me know via a response. If you have other suggestions to help us make our blind corner safer, we would love to hear them.

Is there a process that I am not following to have a consideration or response concerning our concerns? If so, please let me know what we need to do.

Respectfully,

Monte and Emily Wilson
4506 Buckeye Road
Madison, Wisconsin 53716

Hello,

We contacted the city concerning the traffic situation at our blind driveway on Buckeye Road in January. The speed of traffic and danger persists. The city installed a temporary speed display device which slowed some of the traffic down while the sign was up. However, now that it is gone, drivers regularly speed and turn the corner at our blind driveway at dangerous speeds.

Just two days ago, I was almost hit by a large speeding truck while exiting out of our driveway. Our driveway is basically invisible to traffic driving northbound on Buckeye due to the height and positioning of the retaining wall the city installed during the Buckeye reconstruction project.

We noticed that stop signs are being considered for Spaneem Road but nothing was mentioned about Buckeye Road which is used as a cut through as well.

Below, I have attached our original letter stating our concerns. I hope this is an issue that can be discussed at the upcoming Traffic Commission meeting.

Thank you for your time.

Monte and Emily Wilson
[4506 Buckeye Road](#)

On Jan 29, 2020, at 9:17 AM,
Foster, Grant
<district15@cityofmadison.com>

wrote:

Hi, Emily & Monte.

I just wanted to let you know that I did forward this on to staff and am still waiting to hear back. I'll continue to check in and let you know once I hear back. Sorry for the delay.

Grant Foster
District 15 Alder
Madison Common Council
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<https://www.cityofmadison.com/council/district15/blog/>

-----Original Message-----

From: Monte Reigel Wilson
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Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2020 2:49 PM

To: Foster, Grant
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Cc: Emily Reigel Wilson
<unpleasantville@gmail.com>

Subject: Dangerous Speeds and Blind
Corner on Buckeye Road.

Dear Alder Foster,

We live at [4506 Buckeye Road](#), at the top of the hill, kiddy-corner from the intersection with Shaffer Road, where the road curves. The speed limit on our street is 25mph, but people rarely obey that limit. The speed of traffic on our portion of Buckeye alarming and is posing a danger to people, pets and property. We wished to alert you to this problem and to request that you implement a remedy.

Coming from Stoughton Road, around the Buckeye corner at Shaffer, our driveway is barely visible. Leaving our driveway has been a consistently problematic roulette and is quite scary, given the speed at which people drive around the curve. Coming home, tailgaters who want to go faster are always immediately behind us, as we turn in. Also, since we moved into our home in April of 2014, we have personally witnessed no fewer than five accidents, at our intersection, when people take the corner too quickly. There are sure to have been other accidents we were not home to witness.

That dangerous driver speed has been a problem on our street has been known to the City, for a very long time. For more than two years, the City promised that there would be speed control mechanisms implemented, as part of the Buckeye Road reconstruction project. The City engineer explained, at multiple neighborhood meetings, that there would be “bump-outs,” “pedestrian refuges,” and that the road would be narrower, which, he said, are all calculated to make people slow down. At the time, we were encouraged that the reconstruction would result in a safer neighborhood, and slower traffic.

At this point, other than some finishing touches on the pavement and the retaining walls, the Buckeye reconstruction project is almost complete. Unfortunately, if the speed control devices promised by the City were employed, they were not at all effective on our stretch of the road. Drivers continue to pass our home at alarming speeds. If anything, they now drive more quickly than they did before the road construction, because the road surface is now new and smooth. On a daily basis, we see cars, trucks, and City buses driving at what has to be 40-50 miles per hour; we have personally been in traffic moving this quickly, down our street. The speed problem is especially bad, after dark.

This road is shared by families who live on Buckeye, children walking to school, pets getting walked as well as bicyclist and commuters. We fear for our safety and for the safety of our neighbors.

A stop sign at the intersection of Buckeye and Shaffer, on both sides of Buckeye, would be an easy fix, for this problem. A stop sign would slow traffic from both directions, forcing drivers to obey the speed limit. We are writing you to ask you to please advocate for this change, and if you are able to do so, please make this happen for our street.

Please feel free to contact us, should you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,

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Emily Wilson [608-239-5445](tel:608-239-5445)