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**Subject:** No Right on Red Needed for Riverside to Winnebago

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## Hello,

Today I was riding my bike on the Cap City trail where it crosses Winnebago St by Riverside Dr. A small handful of folks were waiting at the south side of Winnebago St to cross. A driver was also attempting to make vehicle was attempting to make a right on red from Riverside Dr. The driver was looking and looking to their left, and by the time there was a gap in traffic on Winnebago the walk sign had turned on. The driver did not look to see that a bunch of us were crossing, and I had to scream at them to prevent another cyclist from getting run over.

This is a thoroughly predictable way for this intersection to cause harm, and we should fix it. We're already doing the right thing by having a leading pedestrian interval. That should allow folks walking and biking to get into the crosswalk and be seen before turning drivers can go, but when we allow right turn on red we lose that important safely benefit.

Please change that intersection so that right on red is not allowed from Riverside Dr. The minor inconvenience for the handful of drivers who might use that option is a very small price to pay for the enhanced safely of the thousands of vulnerable road users who need that crossing to be safer.

Thank you, Lorien Draeger 242 Dunning St