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Dear Traffic Engineering:

Thank you for presenting to the Disability Rights Commission (DRC) about pedestrian safety on March 26, 2026. The Disability Rights Commission provides recommendations related to issues that may affect people with disabilities and their families. Pedestrian safety measures are essential for people with disabilities to access transportation and their communities.

The Disability Rights Commission shares Traffic Engineering's goals for safe and accessible streets for all. We support the implementation of Vision Zero and the Safe Streets Madison Program. In particular, we appreciate the positive safety effects of "20 is Plenty" and encourage the City to continue to expand this program. Additionally, we wish to express our **support for the recommendations included in the draft Pedestrian Plan.**

The Traffic Engineering's efforts to improve pedestrian safety across the City are commendable. Still, we believe there is more work to be done to make our streets safe for all. As you are aware, deadly driver speeds on Madison's streets continue to escalate due to driver apathy and lawlessness. We believe the following recommendations will support existing efforts to make the public right-of-way safer for people with disabilities and other communities in Madison.

Recommendations:

1. In addition to BRT station crossings, implement *No Turn on Red* at high-speed intersections and areas with high levels of pedestrian activity.
2. Work with County, State and Federal agencies to lower speeds on streets within their jurisdictions located in the City of Madison.
3. Explore public information and education campaigns to improve driver behavior and humanize pedestrians.
4. Support advocacy efforts to enable the use of traffic cameras to enforce traffic laws in Wisconsin.
5. Provide updates to the Disability Rights Commission at least annually. The updates should include the number of pedestrian-involved crashes (including injuries and fatalities) and progress made toward reaching program goals.

Thank you, Traffic Engineering, for all the work you do to keep us safe. We look forward to continuing to partner with you in these efforts.

Sincerely,

Melissa Madole, Chair

Lynn Olsen, Vice Chair

On behalf of the Disability Rights Commission