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To: [Transportation Commission](#)
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Good Evening,

My name is Lori Lopez and I am the principal at Sandburg Elementary School on Madison's east side. Our school is located off of Donald Drive and Portage Road. I am sending this email in support of agenda item #5 regarding the safety concern at Portage Road and Tomscot Trail. Although our school faces Donald Drive, a main route to our school for students and families is both Portage Road and Tomscot Trail. Furthermore, Tomscot Trail serves as a drop-off and pick-up location for students in 3rd through 5th grade. Lastly, Sandburg Elementary School serves 408 students in grade 4K through 5th grade. Of those 408 students, only about 70 students ride the yellow bus. This means about 330 students and families are either walking, biking, or driving to Sandburg Elementary School each morning and afternoon. Therefore, providing safe routes via our surrounding streets is crucial to the well-being of our students.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and taking the time to read this email, which I am hopeful will provide a beneficial outcome for the Sandburg community.

Sincerely,
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