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From: Paulson, Erik
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2022 7:57 PM
To: Malloy, Sean; Schippa, Jerry
Cc: annelizabethkovich@gmail.com
Subject: Fw: Contact City of Madison Police Department

Just FYI, mostly on the Milwaukee St/Sprecher intersection.

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From: Paulson, Erik
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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Mohr, Thomas; [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Contact City of Madison Police Department

[REDACTED]

There are not currently plans for lights at the 4-way stop at Milwaukee and Sprecher. This is an intersection that we study frequently - Traffic Engineering collects data from it regularly (they've done studies in 2005,2007,2009, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2019 and now including 2022 - this past summer as part of the approval for the new apartment complex planned for the spring at that intersection we required the developer to pay for additional data collection and additional traffic modeling to plan for "what-if" scenarios after the new building comes online.) The intersection does not yet meet the guidelines set out in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) that guides City practices, but again, we're keeping an eye on it.

(Something I learned not long after I was appointed to fill the vacant alder seat that was a bit surprising to me was that according to the research, 4 way stops are actually a bit safer than lights that are put in before the traffic volume warrants it - I would not have guessed that!)

As for speedbumps, you are right, Reston Heights Drive is on the list of projects to consider but it is a bit down on the list. We are trying to work our way through the list in a data-driven priority order, getting to the most dangerous streets first. Excessive speed and volume is a factor in the scoring, so it may be worth doing some speed studies on Reston Heights to see if we need to move it up, I'll defer to Tom if we can do that now or if we need to wait until spring. As you may know, because there is such an unfortunately long list of streets that were frankly just designed wrong we've got a pretty big list of places to fix, and it's going to take years to get to them all. We are in good position to get a major Federal grant as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law which will help us shave some years off our list, but even then the list is very long and we won't get all the way through it with just the BIL funding.

It is probably not going to make you feel any better, but as a City we are changing the way we build streets so that we do discourage long straightaway streets like Reston Heights and build traffic calming measures in from the start.

I'll ask Traffic Engineering to see what they can do now, and MPD also has some speedboards, which I think do make at least a (temporary) difference, so if we can place those during the winter perhaps we can get them over Reston Heights Dr whenever we wrap up wherever they are now.

I realize this is probably a disappointing email, and I'm sorry for that. Speeding and unsafe driving is definitely a challenge city-wide.

Thanks,

-Erik

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 9:27 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Paulson, Erik; Mohr, Thomas; [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Contact City of Madison Police Department

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Good morning, Captain!

I sincerely appreciate your quick response. Thank you for including Mr. Mohr on this email - I neglected to include him in my earlier email. Can you tell me whether there are any plans for installing traffic lights at that 4-way intersection? Additionally, any information on possibly expediting speed bumps in our neighborhood would be greatly appreciated. I recently had a conversation with a woman in our neighborhood who is continually driving down Reston Heights at excessive speeds. Her response was "well there are no speed limit signs". This ignorance absolutely shocked me!!! I don't think posting speed limit signs is the answer but rather alternative methods for slowing people down.

Thanks again for your time!!

-[REDACTED]

On Wed, Dec 7, 2022 at 9:14 AM Gary, Jamar <JGary@cityofmadison.com> wrote:

Good morning [REDACTED],

Thank you for this information. As an update, Ron Alvarez, Tony Fiore and Joey Skenandore have all retired from MPD. Lt. Mike Richardson is now a commander for the West District.

I have copied Tom Mohr from Traffic and Engineering on this email to make him aware of your concerns as well. The East District will direct resources to provide additional traffic enforcement at that intersection however, as you pointed out there is an abundance of roadway and limited traffic enforcement resources.

Thank you,

Captain Jamar Gary

East Police District

Madison Police Department

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 8:53 AM

To: Alvarez, Ronald <RALvarez@cityofmadison.com>; Paulson, Erik <district3@cityofmadison.com>

Cc: Skenandore, Joey <JSkenandore@cityofmadison.com>; Santilli, Milisa <MSantilli@cityofmadison.com>; Fiore, Anthony <AFiore@cityofmadison.com>; Gary, Jamar <JGary@cityofmadison.com>; Richardson, Michael <MRichardson@cityofmadison.com>

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Good morning,

I am contacting you again this morning following multiple conversations from April, 2021, with continual grave concerns about the reckless driving on Sprecher Road and Milwaukee Street. This morning, I was stopped at the 4-way on Mke St and Sprecher Rd - I was proceeding to cross when a car going at least 40 mph blew through the stop sign. It was extremely icy this morning but thankfully I was able to stop quickly before

getting side swiped. This is NOT the first time I've witnessed someone blowing these stop signs. With the increase in development in our area - traffic is on the uptick and thus there needs to be a plan to slow people down (preferably stop lights at that intersection and others)! Yesterday, someone flew past us going north on Sprecher RD at about 60 mph and again blew the stop sign! This was at peak rush hour. Someone is going to get hurt or worse! And lastly, I again am asking for speed bumps in our neighborhood. As I mentioned in 2021, living on Reston Heights Drive, people drive around here like it's a race track. There are NO stop signs besides the one at the top of the hill and even that one does not slow people down. This is a community with a lot of small children and people who run/walk throughout the neighborhood. This should have been part of the initial design! I know there is a plan/proposal and we are on the "list" but that our neighborhood needs to be expedited based on the sheer increase in numbers. Please help this situation and community!!

Thank you for your time and consideration!!

-Sarah

On Thu, Apr 1, 2021 at 1:54 PM [REDACTED] wrote:

Good afternoon, Mr. Alvarez!

Thank you kindly for the follow-up and information on the speed boards on Reston Heights Drive. We are hopeful there is a plan in progress that will either result in speed bumps or stop signs to slow down the cars driving in our neighborhood. We did speak with Ms. Lemmer and she has asked Tom Mohr to do a neighborhood review for speed bumps. I am hopeful with all the wonderful people helping and working with us, we will be able to keep our community safe and slow down the cars on Reston Heights Drive. Thank you again for your followup email and all your help! Have a great day!

-[REDACTED]

On Thu, Apr 1, 2021 at 12:53 PM Alvarez, Ronald <RALvarez@cityofmadison.com> wrote:

Hi [REDACTED],

After our Tuesday phone conversation, I was able to take a look at those speed boards that are on Reston Heights. They were apparently put there by the City Traffic and Engineering Dept. and that would only happen in response to an official request for a Traffic Study. My guess is that your Alder is addressing issues but I think you should still take the steps we spoke about.

When we spoke you indicated the majority of the speeding occurs from 3pm-7pm. Unfortunately, that is much later than my normal work hours; however I will make it a point to be there the next time I do work late. In the meantime, I will try and seek someone who may.

PO Ron Alvarez Badge #1

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From: Alvarez, Ronald

Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 5:11 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Thompson, Jennifer <jthompson@cityofmadison.com>; Sheehy, Brian <bsheehy@cityofmadison.com>; Skenandore, Joey <jskenandore@cityofmadison.com>; Santilli, Milisa <MSantilli@cityofmadison.com>; Fiore, Anthony <afiore@cityofmadison.com>

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[REDACTED],

Thank you for your recent on-line Traffic Complaint. I do have some follow-up questions that would help me regarding your complaint. I did attempt to call the number listed but it went straight to voice mail.

I am wondering if you are seeing the activity during certain times of day? I am also curious if the activity are from particular/repeat vehicles or general vehicles?

We can certainly communicate via email if that may be your preference, or you can indicate a convenient time that I may call you.

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From: Thompson, Jennifer <jthompson@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 11:20 AM
To: Alvarez, Ronald <RALvarez@cityofmadison.com>; Sheehy, Brian <BSheehy@cityofmadison.com>
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Please see traffic complaint below.



Jennie Thompson (she, her, hers)

City of Madison Police Department

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From: noreply@cityofmadison.com <noreply@cityofmadison.com>
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 5:01 PM
To: Skenandore, Joey <JSkenandore@cityofmadison.com>; Ostrenga, Jason <JOstrenga@cityofmadison.com>;
Thompson, Jennifer <jthompson@cityofmadison.com>
Cc: Gary, Jamar <JGary@cityofmadison.com>
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The following contact request/feedback was received from the contact form on the MPD website:

[REDACTED]
Address:
[REDACTED]

Daytime Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Request Type: East District

Message:

Good evening,

We live on Reston Heights Drive and continually see cars speeding down the street. We have 2 small children and are tired of cars whipping around with no regard to their safety. I see there are speed alerts set up. This afternoon while walking with our neighbor and child, we witnessed a car speeding down Reston Heights and passed another car driving the speed limit. Unfortunately, we didn't get the plate number but it was very scary. Please help this street and the safety of our children!

Thank you!!