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From: Scott Rice [smrice89@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2014 2:49 PM
To: Dryer, David; Demarb, Denise
Subject: Crossing Guard

Dear City of Madison Traffic Engineering,

As President of the East Buckeye Neighborhood Association , I'm speaking upon behalf of our Board to support the crossing guard on the corner of East Buckeye and Droster Road. This is an important route from our neighborhood to Elvehjem Elementary (EE) and it should never be on probation or in danger of being terminated for the following:

- East Buckeye Neighborhood (EBN) is and will continue to be a vibrant affordable community that consists of over 700 residents mainly in single family dwellings and good mix of rentals. This will ensure that we have regular influx of children attending EE well into future. **Currently we are meeting or exceeding minimum numbers (12+ children) needed to justify the Droster crossing guard**
- From a map schematic, Droster is a logical place for crossing since it is central to the Eastern boarder of our neighborhood. Children are not going to walk up the hill to cross at Vondron as most are coming from this East corridor that entails S Thompson Dr., Paso Roble Way, Sandpiper Ln., etc.. **I encourage anyone that thinks Vondron and East Buckeye as a better route, to sit and watch some morning during peak time.**
- East Buckeye Dr. has an incredible volume of traffic which is peak when our children are going to school. This is a County Road that consists of resident commuters and many heavy load trucks and equipment. This area is known for its high frequency of speeders due to the road rapidly declining East of Vondron and West bound heading over Interstate 90 bridge. **If fact, there was a near miss this year already when a driver had the sun in her eyes and was stopped to the pounding of the crossing guard on her car. With a little research, one can find this stretch is well documented of close calls, accidents and even a fatality that I know of.**
- The blinking lights recently installed on Buckeye Dr. are not the answer. I've heard numerous reports and seen myself that it isn't stopping cars. These lights have stopped working twice already and not even 1 year old!
- Safety is the underlying issue here. Are we going to allocate \$5K elsewhere knowing that we're putting children at risk? There are 10-12 less cars dropping their children off at EE due to our children going the healthy/green/environmental route. I'm hoping the City of Madison supports this way also...if not, this will not weigh on our shoulders.

Thank you for taking the time to hear from us. If there are any additional questions or comments please don't hesitate to call @ 608.212.8833 or email @ smrice89@gmail.com. Please disperse to ped/bike commission.

Healthy regards,

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