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Dear Transportation Commission,

I urge you to take immediate action to prevent future deaths and serious injuries to pedestrians on Park Street. I am a parent of a 15 year old *who was on the school bus that Sasha was running to catch*. This is traumatic not only for the family experiencing the loss, but also for our family, and the entire community. I no longer want my son to cross Park Street to walk to school, which means he cannot use alternative means of transportation to get there. It is a death trap.

The City can do much more to prevent the loss of life and injuries on Park Street. I hardly ever see enforcement of speeding or traffic laws anywhere in Madison. There should be *sustained* and *meaningful* ticketing of speeding and going through red lights and ignoring flashing pedestrian lights on Park Street. The road could go down to one lane in places where pedestrians cross. Do flashing lights give pedestrians a false sense of security? If so, more traffic lights should be installed. Barricades should be erected where pedestrians on the sidewalk have previously been hit or are known danger spots.

Keeping citizens alive should be a top priority of the City. I urge the commission to do more than bandaid solutions to this problem and to make meaningful change.

Sincerely,
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