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I was just made aware of the Transportation Commission meeting agenda for tonight and the recommendation that there not be an additional crossing guard added at the intersection of Segoe Blvd at Richland for Van Hise Elementary. I am concerned that this recommendation is based on a study that does not take into account certain criteria that should absolutely be considered.

My understanding is that the recommendation not to install a crossing guard at this intersection is based on the following considerations:

1. Too few children crossing and the "majority" with an adult
2. 2 other crossing guard locations exist for Van Hise Elementary
3. Restricted U-turns at intersection in late 2019
4. Added RRFB in 2020

My response to this is the following:

1. There are at least a dozen children who cross this intersection, some who cross alone (including my son). You can actually see my son crossing alone in this news clip from Channel 15 on January 14 2020 (go to minute 2:08 in the video): <https://www.nbc15.com/content/news/Parents-raise-concerns-over-crosswalk-near-Madison-schools-566994371.html>.
2. Telling the kids to use other available crossing guards would more than double the distance they need to travel to school in the morning and afternoon. The Segoe/Richardson intersection is a main crossing area for kids coming and going to and from Hamilton Middle School and Van Hise Elementary. Kids are going to take the shortest point from A to B.
3. Despite the restricted U Turn signs, people continue to do illegal U-turns at that intersection.
4. While some drivers do stop at the cross walk lights at Segoe and Richardson, many still do not. I experience this myself daily on neighborhood walks that take me right across that intersection.
5. The study that led to these recommendations does not take into account the new start time for Hamilton Middle School for 2021/2022 (now both Van Hise and Hamilton will start at the same time) and the fact that busses will now drop off kids on Segoe right near the Segoe/Richardson intersection.
6. The school crossing analysis document does not show any information about the available sight distance, which is a problem on Segoe due to the road curving on either side of the Segoe/Richardson intersection and will be further exacerbated by the new school start times

and busses noted above.

7. The school crossing analysis does not seem to address or reference the motor vehicle speed on Segoe, which (again as a person who takes daily walks on Segoe and has witnessed this first hand) continues to be a problem. Just yesterday on a walk, I saw a car tear down Segoe at what had to be close to 50 mph.

I'm asking that you please reconsider this recommendation and put priority on the safety of the many children who live across Segoe from Van Hise Elementary and Hamilton Middle School.

Thank you,

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