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Benishek Clark, Anne

Subject: FW: Madison Metro's Audible Turning Alarm

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Sent: Friday, June 05, 2015 11:08 AM
To: Benishek Clark, Anne
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From: Erin Hunt [mailto:] **On Behalf Of** Fred Mohs
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2015 4:59 PM
To: Rusch, Mick
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Mick:

The following are my thoughts on Madison Metro's audible turning alarm. When I arranged for this subject to be on the agenda at the monthly Capitol Neighborhoods Association meeting, I thought I was going to be bringing something new to the group that regularly handles matters concerning peace and livability for downtown neighbors. It turned out that others knew about this problem but all were sympathetic and interested.

I have owned the Kennedy Manor Apartments at the corner of Langdon and Wisconsin for over 50 years. It has a stable population, and I actually have one resident who was there when I purchased the property in 1964. A culture of consideration for neighbors has always existed at the property. That isn't to say that there isn't an occasional loud motorcycle or car with a stereo blasting, but recently, the audible turning alarms on busses has begun to cause great unhappiness. It isn't that they can be heard once and awhile, but they can be heard night after night until early in the morning. For the 40 residents who live on the Wisconsin Avenue side of the Kennedy Manor, life has changed for the worse.

On the more positive side, I had an excellent discussion with Mick Rusch, who filled me in on the background that resulted in the audible turn system. I asked Mick if it would not be possible for the bus driving east on Langdon Street, approaching Wisconsin Avenue to disable the audible system at that corner. Busses approaching that intersection stop at the stop sign before the corner and then start up again and slowly make a right turn onto Langdon Street. As the bus slows for the stop sign, the operator should have a full view of the intersection before it comes to a stop. All other vehicles make the turning maneuver without incident and it seems that there is very low risk that a professional driver could not accomplish the turn successfully. I realize I am arguing about only one corner, but that is the corner that is making my neighbors very unhappy.

I hope you will search for a system involving technology or training that can resolve this problem. We all love the bus company, but we don't love this.

Sincerely,
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