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Hello. I'm writing in support of the Safe Streets Madison agenda item for the Feb. 23rd Transportation Commission meeting. I live in the Elmside Circle Park neighborhood, and I would like to see the city do more more to protect pedestrians crossing Atwood Avenue, particularly at the Waubesa/Miller intersection.

My youngest child attends 4K at the Goodman Community Center, 149 Waubesa St., and I walk or bike with her to school every morning. Crossing Atwood Ave. during rush hour can be extremely hazardous for pedestrians and bicyclists on the stretch between the lights at Hudson Ave. and Fair Oaks Ave. Eastbound motorists in particular tend to speed up and change lanes when the on-street parking zone ends as they exit the Eastwood-Hudson business district. My family has had close calls with automobiles on the four-lane road that have left me shaken. This danger is multiplied several times when there is inclement weather or after the sun goes down. What's more, the traffic pattern between the lights at Hudson and Fair Oaks are timed so that there aren't many gaps in traffic where both directions are safe to cross during busy traffic hours.

I'm also concerned for the safety of teenagers who attend after-school programming at the Brassworks center at 214 Waubesa St., which is part of Goodman. I frequently see young teens in small groups crossing Atwood Ave. to go to the BP gas station across the street to buy snacks. They shouldn't have to put themselves in danger just to buy snacks and enjoy some independence, and they shouldn't have to go a block out of their way to cross at the light at Hudson.

I strongly support the proposed flashing beacon light at Atwood and Waubesa/Miller that is part of the Safe Streets Madison plan, and would advocate for the beacon to be included in phase one of the project. Please approve the funding for this program to help make my neighborhood safer. Thank you.

-Nick Heynen