

Aviles Pineiro, Gretchen

Colony Dr-Gammon Rd Traffic Signal

From: Christal [christalwinter@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2017 7:24 PM
To: Aviles Pineiro, Gretchen
Subject: Re: Public Hearing - Colony Dr & Gammon Rd Traffic Signal

Hi Gretchen, I apologize I didn't address it directly to the Board of Public Works in my last email. Here's a revised email.

To the City of Madison Board of Public Works,

I strongly support moving ahead with a traffic light at the Colony Rd/Gammon Rd intersection regardless of whether or not there is a daycare on the NE corner. On March 28th, I witnessed a middle schooler walking home almost get hit or brushed by a car at that intersection. The child was physically ok and appeared to have just barely been brushed by the car. I can't confirm that he was hit. He didn't fall and walked to the median between the road, but both him and the driver were visibly shaken. I can't imagine the outcome had the car come one second later. He was standing at the cross walk on the east side of Colony and the a car in the right lane headed north stopped and apparently waved him through. The problem was that the car in the left lane headed north didn't see the child as he was hidden by the car in the right lane and literally almost hit him or possibly hit him before stopping. I don't see this as the fault of anyone rather just a very unsafe intersection. It reminded me of the bicycle/car fatality on University a couple years ago with the child headed to Shorewood pool.

I was behind the car on the right that stopped for the child to cross and watched the whole thing. It was honestly one of the most terrifying things I've ever witnessed. I was shaking for the next half hour so I can't imagine what those involved must have felt like. I live in a neighborhood not too far away north of that intersection and I know many children who walk from Jefferson or Memorial home on Gammon everyday. I also have a child who will be attending Jefferson next year and will likely walk to school. After witnessing this incident I'm concerned to even allow her to walk to school. With so many children walking this route on a daily basis and no way for them to continue on Gammon north on eastside due to the fact that the sidewalk literally ends after Colony I'm begging you to please put a traffic light at this intersection for the safety of our children.

Unfortunately, I can not attend the meeting on Wed., but please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,
Christal Campbell
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