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Hola!

Thank you for your email. I agree that this is a dangerous interception. The small Crossing Guard budget is under the purview of the Transportation Commission (TC). They use the [Safe Streets Madison \(SSM\) project spreadsheet](#) to rate projects across the city. This interception is already in the list with an estimated cost.

TC tentatively planned to discuss adding school-area rankings to SSM at the 4/15/26 meeting. This meeting will be a great opportunity to share your experience with the commission.

Thanks,  
Yvette

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Hi Yvette--I am writing because many kids in Summit Woods walk to Thoreau Elementary School, and there is no crossing guard on Midvale at Cherokee. It is a dangerous crossing as drivers are frequently speeding and may not stop for pedestrians in the cross walk even when the lights are flashing. Ideally, the city would put an actual traffic signal there, but since I think that is unlikely to happen, we should at least advocate for a crossing guard and ideally some kind of enforcement of traffic laws. I hope in your role as alder that this is something you can advocate for.

Thanks,

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