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To: [Foster, Grant](#); [McGuigan, Patrick](#)
Cc: [Emily Reigel Wilson](#)
Subject: Re: Dangerous Speeds and Blind Corner on Buckeye Road.
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 6:05:47 AM

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Hello,

We contacted the city concerning the traffic situation at our blind driveway on Buckeye Road in January. The speed of traffic and danger persists. The city installed a temporary speed display device which slowed some of the traffic down while the sign was up. However, now that it is gone, drivers regularly speed and turn the corner at our blind driveway at dangerous speeds.

Just two days ago, I was almost hit by a large speeding truck while exiting out of our driveway. Our driveway is basically invisible to traffic driving northbound on Buckeye due to the height and positioning of the retaining wall the city installed during the Buckeye reconstruction project.

We noticed that stop signs are being considered for Spaneem Road but nothing was mentioned about Buckeye Road which is used as a cut through as well.

Below, I have attached our original letter stating our concerns. I hope this is an issue that can be discussed at the upcoming Traffic Commission meeting.

Thank you for your time.

Monte and Emily Wilson
4506 Buckeye Road

> On Jan 29, 2020, at 9:17 AM, Foster, Grant <district15@cityofmadison.com> wrote:

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> Hi, Emily & Monte.

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> I just wanted to let you know that I did forward this on to staff and am still waiting to hear back. I'll continue to check in and let you know once I hear back. Sorry for the delay.

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> Grant Foster

> District 15 Alder

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Monte Reigel Wilson <montelipka@yahoo.com>

> Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2020 2:49 PM

> To: Foster, Grant <district15@cityofmadison.com>

> Cc: Emily Reigel Wilson <unpleasantville@gmail.com>

> Subject: Dangerous Speeds and Blind Corner on Buckeye Road.

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> Dear Alder Foster,

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> We live at 4506 Buckeye Road, at the top of the hill, kiddy-corner from the intersection with Shaffer Road, where the road curves. The speed limit on our street is 25mph, but people rarely obey that limit. The speed of traffic on our portion of Buckeye alarming and is posing a danger to people, pets and property. We wished to alert you to this problem and to request that you implement a remedy.

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> Coming from Stoughton Road, around the Buckeye corner at Shaffer, our driveway is barely visible. Leaving our driveway has been a consistently problematic roulette and is quite scary, given the speed at which people drive around the curve. Coming home, tailgaters who want to go faster are always immediately behind us, as we turn in. Also, since we moved into our home in April of 2014, we have personally witnessed no fewer than five accidents, at our intersection, when people take the corner too quickly. There are sure to have been other accidents we were not home to witness.

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> That dangerous driver speed has been a problem on our street has been known to the City, for a very long time. For more than two years, the City promised that there would be speed control mechanisms implemented, as part of the Buckeye Road reconstruction project. The City engineer explained, at multiple neighborhood meetings, that there would be "bump-outs," "pedestrian refuges," and that the road would be narrower, which, he said, are all calculated to make people slow down. At the time, we were encouraged that the reconstruction would result in a safer neighborhood, and slower traffic.

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> At this point, other than some finishing touches on the pavement and the retaining walls, the Buckeye reconstruction project is almost complete. Unfortunately, if the speed control devices promised by the City were employed, they were not at all effective on our stretch of the road. Drivers continue to pass our home at alarming speeds. If anything, they now drive more quickly than they did before the road construction, because the road surface is now new and smooth. On a daily basis, we see cars, trucks, and City buses driving at what has to be 40-50 miles per hour; we have personally been in traffic moving this quickly, down our street. The speed problem is especially bad, after dark.

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> This road is shared by families who live on Buckeye, children walking to school, pets getting walked as well as bicyclist and commuters. We fear for our safety and for the safety of our neighbors.

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> A stop sign at the intersection of Buckeye and Shaffer, on both sides of Buckeye, would be an easy fix, for this problem. A stop sign would slow traffic from both directions, forcing drivers to obey the speed limit. We are writing you to ask you to please advocate for this change, and if you are able to do so, please make this happen for our street.

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> Please feel free to contact us, should you have any questions or require any additional information.

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> Sincerely,

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> Monte Wilson 608-658-5188

> Emily Wilson 608-239-5445