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Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 12:02 PM

To: Benishek Clark, Anne

Cc: Dryer, David; Smith, Brian; Ross, Arthur; Palm, Lawrence; Justin Dobson

Subject: RE: PBMVC meeting 10/27 re: stoplight at Packers and Schlimgen Ave, Sherman Neighborhood--update

Hello and thank you for keeping us informed about the traffic signal priority list and PBMVC meeting today.

As you may recall, our Sherman Neighborhood submitted a letter to your committee earlier this year requesting consideration for a stoplight at the intersection of Packers and Schlimgen Avenue on the Northside.

Since that time, a developer has come forward who is or will be submitting a proposal to construct a mixed-use residential building at Schlimgen and Packers at the former Hertz lot. This proposal, once implemented, will add significant traffic to the intersection in question, which will exacerbate concerns about traffic and safety at this location. Our neighborhood wished to make you aware of this foreseeable change at this location and ask you to keep us informed of traffic usage evaluation by city engineering related to this proposed development.

Attached to this email is a policy statement developed by our neighborhood to express our concerns about prospective changes at this intersection.

If our Sherman Neighborhood Association can be of any assistance as you proceed with your own traffic evaluation of this intersection, please let us know.

Thank you for your time and attention,

Dolores Kester, Co-chair

Sherman Neighborhood Association

DRAFT 3-24-15

Dear Members of the Pedestrian Safety Committee and Madison City Council,

As members of the Sherman Neighborhood Association, we are writing in regards to pedestrian and driver/bike rider safety at the intersection of Packers Ave. and Schlimgen Ave which is at the eastern edge of our neighborhood. We have discussed this intersection at great length and feel it is very dangerous and more than deserving of a stop light. The reasons are multiple and stated below:

1. **Turning from Schlimgen Ave. onto Packers Ave.** When turning left there is a house on the left hand side of Schlimgen that typically has overgrown bushes that make it very difficult to see traffic approaching from the left. It's not much easier to gauge the traffic from the right either because of a hill there which blocks the view of traffic. In the winter the snow in the median also blocks the view. Also adding to the difficulty is the fact that there is very little room in the median to position a car. When turning right it doesn't get much better. You have to hope there isn't someone turning left; if there is you have to either wait until they turn or look through their windows to see traffic. If it's an SUV or pick-up truck you have no choice but to wait. Many times the car turning left is in the middle of the right lane so you can't turn right even if you wanted to. When you can finally make the turn, you have to drive fast otherwise you will have 3 lanes of speeding cars bearing down on you.

2. **Turning from Packers onto Schlimgen.** When turning left off Packers onto Schlimgen it can be difficult to see bikers and pedestrians. Oncoming traffic comes very quickly so drivers don't have much time to look, especially for bikers. Bikers move much faster and sometimes not even in a driver's line of sight making the turn, especially if they're coming up from behind on the sidewalk. It's also a rather dark intersection at night. Even getting into the turn lane can be precarious. Many times the driver behind you doesn't want to slow down so by the time you turn you may feel you'll be rear-ended. Winter is the worst. The turn lane will be covered with ice and snow and drivers behind don't seem to care about slowing down. This however is the easiest turn to make from this intersection which isn't saying much.

3. **Pedestrians.** It is very unsafe to cross at this intersection. Traffic is flying through most of the time above or well above the posted speed limit. Many motorists aren't even looking for pedestrians because they are so focused on traffic. There is also a bus stop on the east side of Packers at that intersection. More times than we can count we've seen kids racing against traffic to cross the street. Many times pedestrians have to run or else wait forever since traffic comes bearing down very quickly. Crossing the intersection while walking on the west side of Packers isn't much better. Drivers block all or part of the intersection just to get a better line of sight. Bikers also have to use the sidewalk since biking on the street is very dangerous. This makes it even more difficult for drivers since bikes move faster than pedestrians and come from either direction. As an alternative, unless and until a stop light is installed at this intersection, either the bus stop should be moved or a pedestrian overpass should be built over Packers at this location, so that pedestrians don't have to make a run across six lanes of uncontrolled highway traffic!

4. **Speeding.** Speeding here is out of control. It feels like an open highway to many motorists since it's three lanes without any stop sign from Anderson Ln. to Commercial Ave. Most motorists aren't trying to speed. It's just natural to drive faster when one has a highway like road to drive on. We think a stop light here would go a long way to slow things, especially one with a sensor on Schlimgen instead of one that's timed for the flow of traffic. Speeding also makes it much more difficult for getting onto Packers from Schlimgen and for the people who have to live along that stretch of road. Slower traffic would make a more pleasant and especially safer neighborhood.

In summary, this is a very dangerous intersection. We're amazed there aren't more accidents at this intersection. We drive all over the city and this is one of the worst intersections at the moment. We think that putting a stop light here would increase safety for motorists, pedestrians and bikers alike which in turn would add value to our neighborhood. It also might take a stretch of road that is anything but pedestrian friendly and make it more walkable for people in the area. Many residents avoid this stretch of Packers that feels more like a highway than a roadway. But this area is too built up to be a highway anymore. We ask you to start focusing with us on how to make the intersection of Packers Ave. and Schilgen safer rather than focusing on how many commuters we can shuttle through our neighborhood at near highway speeds to save 1-2 minutes commute time. Putting a stop light here would be a very good step in the right direction.

Sincerely,

Sherman Neighborhood Association

David Dryer, P.E.
City Traffic Engineer and Parking Manager
Ref. Traffic Signal Priority List

Dear Sir:

Thank you for sending us the above document for review and comment. Unfortunately our age (90) prohibit our attending this important meeting. However we are gratified to note our site (Commerce and Watts Road is No. 12 on your long list of sites. We and other residents of the All Saint's Retirement Center since its inception (10+) years ago have requested that a traffic light be installed because of its danger to elderly residents as well vehicular drivers.

We appreciate your efforts to protect pedestrians by installing highly visible yellow signs but they are not effective for resident drivers who must traverse this intersection for shopping, medical appointments and other essential travel. I am sure you know that the 35 mph speed limits is largely ignored by drivers on Watts road even with the pedestrian warnings and we residents must risk our lives daring to venture out into the intersection. In fact this hesitancy often increases our risk

We appreciate your desire not to impede traffic flow but a traffic light would do much to serve the safety of all concerned well worth the inconvenience to some.

We are sure you are aware of the ongoing expansion of the All Saints Neighborhood which will greatly increase the traffic flow across Watts Rd. as well as the proposed inter bike trail which make for heavy congestion.

We hope that our longstanding pleas will finally come to fruition not just our short life expectancies by future residents and service personnel to come. Please enter our comments in any discussion at the meeting

Sincerely,
Max and Betty Rosenbaum
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Madison 53719

From: justin.t.bartlett@gmail.com [mailto:justin.t.bartlett@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, October 16, 2015 10:32 AM

To: webadmin

Subject: General Feedback

General Information

Name: Justin Bartlett

Address: 309 W Washington Ave Unit 309

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Email: justin.t.bartlett@gmail.com

Date: 10/16/2015

Category: General feedback

Type of request: Comment

Message: The intersection of S. Henry and W. Washington has become dangerous to pedestrians and is very difficult to cross. Pedestrians often have to partially cross and stop on the small median. Some cars yield while others cars speed around them in the other lane almost taking out the pedestrian. The crosswalk is repainted frequently but hasn't been sufficient. Perhaps stoplights are needed. I've witnessed many near-accidents while cars also try to cross W. Wash.

The requester can be contacted

From: Mary Briggs Pomo <momme53716@hotmail.com>
Date: September 23, 2015 at 5:01:23 PM CDT
To: <district16@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Cottage grove rd and s. Thompson intersection

General Information

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State: Wi
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Phone: 608-224-1518
Work Phone:
Email: momme53716@hotmail.com
Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

I live one block up from Cottage grove rd. Trying to get across has become dangerous in a vehicle and suicidal as a pedestrian. With all the new development on the other side of the bridge in Grandview commons it is only going to get worse. My family as do many others go this way to shop or exercise. The sidewalk is only developed on one side.plus a lot of children and adults get off the bus at this intersection and dart cars speeding all the time. I would like to know how to start the process to petition for a stop light before serious injury or death occurs.
Thanks. Mary.

Recipient:
Denise DeMarb

From: Judy Sampson
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2015 5:34 PM
To: Paul Skidmore

General Information

Name: Judy Sampson
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State: WI
ZIP: 53719
Phone: 608-541-1239
Work Phone:
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Should we contact you?: Yes

Message:

I AM WRITING TO ASK FOR YOUR HELP IN GETTING A LIGHT SO THE RESIDENTS AT ALL SAINTS FEEL SAFE ENOUGH TO CROSS WATTS ROAD TO SHOP AND ENJOY THE BUSSINESSES ACROSS THE STREET. I AM LEGALLY BLINDAND WHILE I CAN SAFELY CROSS THE STREET MANY PEOPLE LIVING HERE ARE ALSO SLOW .
PLEASE ADDRESS THIS MATTER BEFORE SOMEONE IS HURT.

SINCERELY, JUDY SAMPSON

Recipient:
Paul E. Skidmore

From: mariapricer@yahoo.com [mailto:mariapricer@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, May 08, 2015 8:50 AM
To: Lubben, Justin
Subject: Report a Traffic Enforcement Concern

General Information

Name: Maria Parra
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Phone: 6082364989
Email: mariapricer@yahoo.com
Date: 05/08/2015

Category: Traffic Enforcement Concern

Type of Violation: Aggressive Driving
Day of Violation: Monday through Friday
Time of Violation: 7-9 am
Location: Intercsection between Regent St, Speedway Rd and Highland Avenue
Message: People do not respect the stop signs, there is a huge need of traffic lights. Thanks!
The requester can be contacted

From: kncowles@gmail.com [mailto:kncowles@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, January 23, 2015 2:36 PM

To: Lubben, Justin

Subject: Report a Traffic Enforcement Concern

General Information

Name: Kim Cowles

Address: 326 Acadia Drive, Madison

Phone: 608-250-0031

Email: kncowles@gmail.com

Date: 01/23/2015

Category: Traffic Enforcement Concern

Type of Violation: Right of Way Violation

Day of Violation: All

Time of Violation: All am

Location: The intersection of Mineral Point Road and Yellowstone Drive

Message: Seven days a week, this intersection is the site of numerous near-misses and accidents. Cars entering or crossing Mineral Point Rd pull halfway across, blocking visibility for other drivers, pulling in front of other drivers, etc. With the rise in the road for eastbound traffic and the heavy traffic for weekday commuters, this is a particularly dangerous intersection. The control at this intersection needs to be addressed as a high priority by the city.

The requester can be contacted

From: "Jean Jacobson"
To: "Joe Clausius"
Cc:
Sent: Mon, 16 Feb 2015 15:42:31 +0000
Subject: stoplight

Joe, I am writing to you in inquire about the possibility of a stoplight being installed at the corner of Tancho Drive and American Parkway. Our residents have been having difficulty turning left on to American Parkway from Tancho Drive and they feel it is becoming a safety issue. As the Barrington has expanded their tenant base there is more activity now on Tancho Drive. Let me know if there is someone else to whom I should be directing this question. Thank you.

Jean Jacobson, MS, NHA
Executive Director

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Additional Request made by phone only:

Voicemail 9-21-15
Request for traffic signal at Woods and Midtown due to heavy traffic from Epic