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Cc: Rummel, Marsha; Dryer, David; Wolfe, James
Subject: Proposed 4-Way stop at Jenifer and Patterson Streets

Sabrina -

I'm writing with comments on the proposed 4-way stop at Jenifer and Patterson Streets. I support temporary stop signs to address additional traffic on Jenifer Street due to the current Willy Street construction project. I would support temporary stop signs in addition to Patterson Street. However, I would only support temporary signage and it is my understanding that the process being following is a test of placing a permanent sign at Patterson and that has me concerned.

Jenifer Street has seen additional traffic due to Willy Street. I live in the 1100 block and am in the middle of this additional traffic. While I notice that traffic is sometimes heavier, and there are definitely more people exceeding the speed limit, I do not find the traffic to be a problem personally. Even the cars that are "speeding" are not traveling at significantly higher speeds. These are issues that could be addressed through enforcement or temporary signs. The neighborhood was told when the Willy Street project began that we could get temporary signage if it became a problem.

Signage of course is only a suggestion if not enforced. We have seen a very significant number of cars ignoring the "Do Not Enter" signs and traveling through the cul-du-sac in the 700 block of Jenifer. The signs have not been successful there without enforcement.

Jenifer Street is used heavily by bicycles and metro buses. This is something that the committee will need to consider before placing additional signage along the street. There is an increase danger to bicycles if the signs are ignored. Madison Metro buses waiting at stops will obscure stop signs at Jenifer Street corners.

The neighborhood perceives a temporary problem with increased traffic on Jenifer Street due to the Willy Street reconstruction. Please address this concern immediately with temporary stop signs to address this temporary problem.

Sincerely,

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