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To: [Plan Commission members]

Subject: Midtown road safety

Where Midtown road intersects with Hawks Ridge drive is one of the more dangerous intersections in Madison. The speed limit on Midtown is 35 mph, which means most drivers do about 43. At 8 AM several eastbound are going near 50. I'm sure with the number of new homes going up, there will be a controlled intersection there soon.

In the meantime, the Plan Commission is going to address a proposal for a child care added to midtown about 90 yards east and downhill from this intersection. If you don't travel there often, please go there at 8 AM tomorrow or Friday so you can understand the difficulty drivers will have with a child care opening up below this intersection.

If you do take the time to view this spot, you will notice the proposed childcare driveway is not visible until you are about 50 yards from it, on the down slope. There is a modest stand of conifers adjacent to the driveway that may have to be removed.

I'm sure everyone understands what happens at a childcare at 8 AM. Parents slow down to enter the driveway as other parents are driving out which sometimes causes vehicles to even stop on the road. Mixing this occurrence with sometimes inclement weather, people in a hurry to get to work coming over the hill above 50 mph leaves in my mind a tragedy in the making.

I know you rely on traffic Engineering to help you determine what is safe but unless you think about how vehicles will enter and leave the childcare in all conditions, you may vote for something you will regret later.

I'm not against the childcare in fact there is another way vehicles could access from the south if the proper changes were made, which would be great.

Sorry to not attend the meeting but your thoughts are more important than a speech .