

To: Transportation Commission
From: Charlene Sweeney, Carrie Rothburd, Joe Koss, Janelle Munns of Lakeside neighbors' group
Re: Traffic Calming on Lakeside
Date: April 28, 2021

Thank you on behalf of the vast majority of Lakeside Street neighbors who support traffic calming on Lakeside Street. With close to 90% of us the votes in so far favoring both the speed humps and traffic circle, we have begun to look forward to their installation this summer. We appreciate your interest in initiating calming on Lakeside Street and wish to bring forward for your follow-up consideration a few questions left on the table at the March 10, 2021 meeting:

- 1) Requesting relocation of speed boards on Lakeside: We asked at the March 10, 2021 meeting to relocate the speed boards currently east and west of Franklin School to the 100 and 800 blocks of Lakeside if/when speed humps are installed near Franklin School. (The speed board east of Franklin is currently obscured by a tree and requires relocation.) At the March 10th meeting, Traffic Engineering said this move is a possibility, and the Commission noted that this request “makes sense...and would help with speeding at either ends of street.” Given the overwhelmingly positive response to the traffic-calming survey, we ask now for the Commission’s approval to move the speed boards as soon as possible after installing the speed humps.

- 2) Requesting that MFD attend a TC meeting: Part of the motion approved at the March 10, 2021 meeting included inviting MFD to attend a TC meeting to talk through traffic calming on Lakeside in light of MFD’s rationale for denying speed humps on the 100 and 800 blocks of Lakeside Street. As MFD vehicles regularly traverse speed humps on routes throughout all of Madison, we believe it would be beneficial to explore the following questions with MFD:
 - A) Regarding MFD’s statement that “it is not possible to quantify the patient care impacts associated with speed humps”:
 - Would it be possible to direct EMS crews to collect the data needed to correlate trips over speed humps to medical outcomes in order to quantify the impact of speed humps on patient care? Would it be possible to focus a part of this study on Lakeside Street before and after the installation of the two speed humps for comparative data?
 - B) Regarding resolving the conflict between residential on-street safety and the safe passage of EMS vehicles:
 - Would it be possible for MFD to work with TE to modify the design of speed humps to reduce their potential negative impact on EMS vehicles?
 - Would it be possible to consider O\offset speed tables and/or speed cushions in lieu of speed humps on Lakeside and other collector streets in Madison to reduce speeding while minimizing or eliminating the potential negative impacts of traffic calming on EMS vehicles?



Thank you again for your focus on Lakeside Street and your concern for safety on collector streets in general. We look forward to working further with TE and all of you on improving signage on Lakeside Street this year and hopefully to following up with additional traffic-calming on Lakeside Street next year.