

## Schippa, Jerry

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**From:** Traffic  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 07, 2021 2:42 PM  
**To:** Schippa, Jerry  
**Cc:** Larson, Aidan; Heitz, Graham  
**Subject:** FW: 2021 Traffic Signal Priority List Preliminary Review and Selection

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**From:** Foster, Grant <[district15@cityofmadison.com](mailto:district15@cityofmadison.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 7, 2021 1:35 PM  
**To:** Traffic <[traffic@cityofmadison.com](mailto:traffic@cityofmadison.com)>  
**Subject:** Fw: 2021 Traffic Signal Priority List Preliminary Review and Selection

Please see request below to consider Monona/Winnequah for a signal. As someone that uses this route frequently when I'm on my bike or on foot, I agree it is an extremely challenging intersection to cross. Thanks.

Grant Foster  
District 15 Alder  
Madison Common Council  
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**From:** Lake Edge Neighborhood Association <[lakeedgena@gmail.com](mailto:lakeedgena@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 6, 2021 15:48  
**To:** Foster, Grant  
**Subject:** Re: 2021 Traffic Signal Priority List Preliminary Review and Selection

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Traffic signals aren't the same as stop signs, right? [REDACTED] will be contacting you re a stop sign in her part of the 'hood.  
We really SHOULD have a light at Winnequah and Monona--think that's even an option??  
I would like to get more stop signs on Maher too--but since that part of the project is on hold, would the city even consider that?

On Mon, Dec 6, 2021 at 1:05 PM Foster, Grant <[district15@cityofmadison.com](mailto:district15@cityofmadison.com)> wrote:

No. There is a request for a flashing beacon at Cottage Grove/Maher, but that is a different process.

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**From:** Tao, Yang  
**Sent:** Friday, August 05, 2022 2:44 PM  
**To:** Wehelie, Nasra H  
**Cc:** Schippa, Jerry; Heitz, Graham; Winter, Mark; Lynch, Thomas  
**Subject:** RE: Cross Country/Maple Grove Rd

Good afternoon Alder Wehelie,

Thank you for reaching out! Great question.

You are correct that the intersection gets busier and busier due to continued development in the area. We did examine whether it is recommended to signalize the intersection through our annual Traffic Signal Priority List, gathered traffic volume and safety data, and conducted traffic signal warrant study. The current study shows that the intersection is still about 55% below meeting the national signal warrants. As research has shown that unwarranted traffic signals cause more problems rather than improving safety, we do not recommend to signalize the intersection at this time. However, we will keep monitoring the intersection for potential future signalization.

Best,

Yang

**Yang Tao, Ph.D., P.E.** (he/him/his)

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**From:** Wehelie, Nasra H <district7@cityofmadison.com>

**Sent:** Monday, August 1, 2022 8:19 AM

**To:** Tao, Yang <YTao@cityofmadison.com>

**Subject:** Cross Country/Maple Grove Rd

Morning Yang,

Are there any plans for stoplights at the intersection of Cross Country and Maple Grove roads? It has become a very busy area now!

Thanks

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**From:** [Callaway, Renee](#)  
**To:** [Heitz, Graham](#); [Schippa, Jerry](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Safe Streets Comment  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 23, 2022 3:47:35 PM

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I highlighted the traffic signal request below. I've already responded to [REDACTED] so that is taken care of already and I just said I would forward it on for evaluation. We did apply for TAP funding to make improvements the length of Franklin, Hancock and Blount just as an FYI.

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**From:** Larson, Aidan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2022 2:40 PM  
**To:** Mohr, Thomas <TMohr@cityofmadison.com>; Callaway, Renee <ReCallaway@cityofmadison.com>  
**Subject:** FW: Safe Streets Comment

Received today 2/23 by TC.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 23, 2022 1:02 PM  
**To:** Transportation Commission <[TransportationCommission@cityofmadison.com](mailto:TransportationCommission@cityofmadison.com)>  
**Subject:** Safe Streets Comment

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I have two comments regarding potential projects that do not appear on the current list of Safe Streets projects but should.

1) There is a gap in the sidewalk network on Fordem Ave where "Lakewood Gardens Circle" is. This is documented on the sidewalk GIS layer but appears incorrectly in the 2017 Madison In Motion document. I did not see it in any of the current safe streets plans. This is an area in which there are actually places to walk and would fit some of the equity goals of safe streets.

2) Safe Streets initiative should **consider a project to install a traffic signal at N Franklin St and E Johnson**. I strongly believe that this intersection requires a traffic light, or someone is going to be severely injured at it.

In the summer of 2020, my pandemic home office had a wide view of this intersection. I witnessed several crashes between vulnerable road users and motor vehicles and countless near misses. That is in addition to many near misses and at least one crash involving two motor vehicles.

The main issue at the intersection is the combination of heavy pedestrian and bike traffic with drivers at the stop sign on Franklin looking for a gap in the speeding vehicles on E Johnson. When they find a gap they go quickly, which is often when there is a pedestrian in the crosswalk or biker in the bike lane. Flashing lights for pedestrians would not solve this problem as only drivers on E Johnson would see them, not also drivers on N Franklin.

Lots of people cross at this intersection to get to James Madison Park during nice weather. The traffic lights on Johnson and Gorham are set up in a way that makes accessing the park unnecessarily difficult. There is no street anywhere near the heavily used park that has a light at both Johnson and Gorham. This is a huge error in planning. A light at Franklin would be a big help to pedestrians in the neighborhood getting to the park.

This intersection may actually meet the MUTCD standards for a traffic signal anyway as it looks like the data the current priority list relies on is probably quite old. Density is increasing.

Thank you,

**[REDACTED]**

**[REDACTED]**

## Schippa, Jerry

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**From:** Schippa, Jerry  
**Sent:** Monday, October 24, 2022 12:22 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Milwaukee - Sprecher Signal Request  
**Attachments:** 2021 Traffic Signal Priority List.pdf

Rachel,

We can add this intersection to our list to review for a traffic signal installation. Initial data is collected in the fall, followed by a meeting with the Transportation Commission in the late fall/early winter. At that meeting, we present the intersections we've heard requests on, as well as our recommendation for further studies. Typically if an intersection meets warrant or comes close to meeting warrant, we like to make observations and collect further data to make sure a traffic signal is the best control device for the intersection. Finally, later in the winter our department makes its recommendation for each location and that recommendation is discussed, amended, and accepted by the Transportation Commission.

Your email is enough to get this intersection on the list for review, however if you'd like to be added to the contact list, we can send you an email notifying you of the Transportation Commission meeting dates once they're confirmed.

To give you some history on this intersection, the last time this intersection was studied was in 2019 where it did not meet any of the 9 warrants outlined in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). These warrants are considered minimum conditions an intersection should meet before installing a traffic signal. On page 3 of the attachment, ranked #7 of the "ALL-WAY STOP INTERSECTIONS STUDIED" list, you'll find this intersection.

If you have any questions regarding this request or this process, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

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Hello,

On the **intersection of Milwaukee St. and Sprecher Rd** there is currently a four-way stop for two, two-lane streets. This section becomes erratic and confusing for right of way during high traffic times. We've had many instances of having to stop midway through because somebody else thought it was their right of way and vice versa.

We would be very pleased to see a traffic light installed as there are now apartments on that corner with space for a business. As the area gets more popular, it will get even more hectic.

Thank you,  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Heitz, Graham  
**Sent:** Monday, May 23, 2022 1:42 PM  
**To:** Schippa, Jerry  
**Subject:** intersection for 2023 TSPL

Jerry:

Was contacted regarding a variety of locations on Northport (to incl lt-turn phasing, that we can discuss later). The individual has concerns regarding volumes, observed vehicle speeds & apparent frequency of crashes.

They requested a traffic signal at [Northport & the Warner Park/Mallards driveway](#) due to difficulty turning left during the PM peak hour. We reviewed the requirement for study, potential use of alt routes, gaps from adjacent signals & state approvals in this case. In the end, they requested a review.

Person's email [REDACTED] for TSPL announcements or other follow-up. Can you please add to the list? Let me know if you need any other info.

Thanks,

Graham Heitz  
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608-266-4589

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**From:** Schippa, Jerry  
**Sent:** Monday, October 17, 2022 3:35 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Heitz, Graham; Winter, Mark  
**Subject:** Siggelkow & Valley

[REDACTED],

The City of Madison does not have any plans to install a traffic signal at this intersection at this time. However, we've added this to the list of intersections to be studied this fall. We will collect traffic volumes on each leg of the intersection and evaluate it against the traffic signal warrants as outlined in Part 4 of the 2009 MUTCD.

There will be a series of Transportation Commission meetings that will include the annual traffic signal priority list update efforts. The first meeting, which is likely to be held in November, will cover the requests (such as this one) we've received over the year and provide another opportunity for comments and requests for (or comments against) traffic signal installations. Your email will be submitted as a request to study this intersection, but if you would like to be notified of this meeting, please let me know.

After the first meeting, we will collect more detailed data on any intersections that appear to have met warrant, or come close. Then, usually in February, the second and final meeting is held where staff present their recommendations for changing or making traffic control changes at the intersections in question. Any intersection that met warrant, and was approved by the Transportation Commission for installing a traffic signal in this cycle, would likely be installed in 2025.

Let me know if you would like to be notified of these meetings. However, this email chain will be submitted as a request and therefore is enough to initiate an intersection study.

If you have any further questions or comments, please let me know.

Thank you,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 13, 2022 2:29 PM  
**To:** Traffic <[traffic@cityofmadison.com](mailto:traffic@cityofmadison.com)>  
**Subject:** Traffic light at Valley and Siggelkow

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Hi Madison Traffic Engineering,

My name is [REDACTED] and I live [REDACTED]. I just wanted to inquire to see if there are plans to put a traffic light at the intersection of valley and siggelkow road? It's really getting busy and feels like there should be one there, especially with the day care during drop off and pick up times. I contacted Mcfarland and they stated since the road is both mcfarland and madison, I should contact madison.

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

2:27

Safari

Siggelkow Rd

Restaurants

Shopping

Freedom

Sent from my iPhone