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Subject: Alder Comments: Speed Bump Proposal for Jackson Quarry Lane

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Hello members of the Transportation Commission,

I'm writing to you about one of the projects on the Safe Streets Madison approval list on your agenda tomorrow, the proposal for a speed bump on Jackson Quarry Lane in my district. I wanted to weigh in on this project to provide some context behind this request and to urge Commissioners' support.

You may remember from news coverage last year that the Harmony Apartments, which is the property located on the north side of Jackson Quarry Lane and which has driveway access on the western side of Jackson Quarry Lane, was the scene of multiple incidents of gun violence. In most (I think all?) of those incidents of gun violence, the perpetrators relied on quick get-away access to the Harmony site to flee by vehicle. Harmony residents and nearby neighbors also report hazardous driving into and out of Jackson Quarry Lane at its intersection with Milky Way. Many of these raised concerns about the fact that Galaxy Park is just on the other side of Jackson Quarry Lane from Harmony Apartments and that youth living at Harmony families cross often - and are in danger by the observed hazardous driving on Jackson Quarry Lane, despite the existing stop sign which many drivers unfortunately seem to ignore.

Since those gun violence incidents last year, I have been involved in several community meetings at the property with several Harmony residents, and hazardous driving into and out of Jackson Quarry is one of the residents' biggest concerns. That's especially true as Madison Parks and MDC Public Health-Violence Prevention folks continue to plan events for this year to get input on new amenities coming to Galaxy Park, which will increase the park's use as well as pedestrian and vehicle traffic to the park. This request continues to be one of the highest priorities of Harmony's new Resident Council. I think you'll probably get emails from some Harmony residents and neighbors about this topic as a result. I plan to join your meeting tomorrow for discussion and any Q and A on this or other items in my district on the agenda.

Thank you very much for your service to the community,

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