

I too agree with Guy Mueller's assessment of traffic "humps" Wheeler Road. It seems that the humps and bumps only serve to penalize the majority of us folks who drive responsibly. Please, no humps.

Regards,

Doug Norgord  
53704

I agree! We need some analytics done on this "need"! - virginia Pickerell

Regarding Transportation Commission Meeting March 10 for item 64296:

Hello,

I am writing to comment on Highway CV traffic at the Wheeler Rd intersection. Making a left turn onto CV is difficult and dangerous during peak hours. Most people that I know have to make a right turn, then a left onto the next street and turn around and then make a right onto CV. Also making a left onto Wheeler from CV has its potential danger from cars coming in both directions. Finally, turning from CV onto Fieldstone has been bad because cars have gotten rear-ended. There are other problems at that intersection too.

New construction (3-4 story apartment building) at CV and Fieldstone has already caused flooding problems in the Fieldstone neighborhood. I don't know if the engineering of that environment took into consideration flood problems or not. But, for sure, the TRAFFIC on CV near Fieldstone and Wheeler will be impacted by these new apartments when the construction is complete. I think that the Wheeler-CV intersection could use a stoplight. Right now there is just a stop sign. And the problem area by CV-Fieldstone should be addressed in this planning too. There have been accidents at this intersection.

Please don't do your planning with just the current situation in mind. I would ask you to also consider the apartments currently under construction as well as the fact that Cherokee Country Club is turning into a PGA tournament site. I am a property owner at Cherokee Garden condos and a property owner in the Fieldstone neighborhood. Thanks for listening.

Sincerely,  
Heidi J. Levy

I am not in favor of the proposed changes to Wheeler Road, islands and speed bumps. I have lived in Cherokee for over 44 years and find them unnecessary. These measures are quite drastic for the vast majority of traffic rule abiding citizens.

Maureen Holzem  
Comanche Way

Wheeler Road is an important artery for this area. It's how many of us who are going to the west side travel around Lake Mendota and, of course it's our access to Sherman and CV in the other direction. We need to be very careful about, if any changes we make because of its impact on all of us

I agree with those who are concerned about people speeding on Wheeler. I can support the idea of island and stop signs but speed bumps are a terrible idea. They do penalize everybody and can increase the wear and tear on suspensions, even at slow speeds. They are hard on busses and snow plows have some issues with them as well

Wheeler Road's design encourages faster driving. My "radical" solution is to narrow the roadway some. With no development on the north side of the road west of the condos it would be possible add a bike lane separated completely from cars like the contra flow bike lane on University ave. Oft simply more out the curb and add green space

Of course we all need to greet our neighbor's streets like we live on them. Drive 25

George P. Dreckmann

I live in the Cherokee neighborhood and travel on Wheeler Rd by both bike and car. I appreciate doing something to control speeding vehicles but DO NOT think speed bumps are the correct solution. They might slow down traffic but those who live in the area suffer the most. Since we live north of Wheeler, we use Wheeler road to travel in all directions. It is the primary and really the only road to travel into and out of the neighborhood. Traveling over multiple speed bumps daily is crazy, it doesn't really matter how slow you go it is terribly disruptive. Other solutions like stop signs, narrowing the road, or even islands should be considered before resorting to speed bumps.

Thank you  
Linda Schaack  
Menomonie Lane

Hello City Of Madison Transportation Commission;

Forwarding to you the message I sent Alder Kemble.

I think most agree there needs to be some traffic easing on Wheeler Road. However, I believe a better solution than speed bumps and islands would be a 4-way stop at Comanche and Wheeler.

Thanks much,

John Addison  
Burning Wood Way

Hi all, thanks so much for all the input!

The analytics have been done by Traffic Engineering and Wheeler Rd. between N. Sherman and Comanche ranks second in the entire city as a candidate for speed calming. You can view the report [here](#). As you will recall there was a fatality at School & Wheeler several years ago.

To clarify, speed humps are NOT being recommended for the portion of Wheeler Rd. between N. Sherman and School. What is being recommended is what George just suggested, a narrowing of the street by placement of pedestrian refuge islands, particularly in areas where people and vehicles tend to cross.

Rebecca Kemble  
District 18 Alder  
Madison Common Council  
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Aren't there speed humps being considered further west on wheeler? I thought there were 5 being considered

Denise F. Olson  
Namekagon Lane

I am a Cherokee Park resident who crashed my car a few years ago on Wheeler between N. Sherman and Comanche Way. I also hit a parked car and totalled both cars. However, that crash had nothing to do with the street. Rather, I fell asleep while driving. I would have crashed just the same had there been pedestrian islands. I wonder how many other incidents on Wheeler (which led to Traffic Engineering's high ranking) similarly were not really due to the features of the street.

I would prefer to see simple stop signs and crosswalks (and crosswalk warning signs) tried first before the road is obstructed. Wheeler is an important arterial street, and keeping it clear for emergency vehicles, plows, moving vans, etc. as well as commuter traffic is desirable.

Sheila Leary  
Burning Wood Way

Thank you Guy for your comments. I'm in total agreement.

Somebody suggested we draft a petition from the Cherokee neighborhood. That's a great method for gaining support from the entire neighborhood. And the petition can be submitted to the Transportation Commission. Hubby and I are "all in"

By the way, what's the opinion of Cherokee Condos? The speed bumps will have a direct impact on the Condo resident cause most of owners are senior citizens. Speed bumps near senior housing have an adverse affect on their driving habits due to trying to avoid or go around the bumps. The City Transportation should consider analyzing the impact of having speed bumps near senior citizens housing complexes.  
Theresa Sanders

Hi All:

If the neighborhood drafts a petition per Theresa's idea, I will gladly sign it.

I also would prefer a stop sign, followed by islands for traffic calming purposes. I am personally against speed humps, for all the reasons mentioned, and would choose an alternative route to avoid them.

Craig Kettleon  
Burning Wood Way

I too will sign the petition.

Denise F. Olson  
Namekagon Lane

Dear Alder Kemble and Members of the Transportation Commission,

Thank you for all your hard work and for taking the time to read this email.

I am writing in support of the speed calming measures currently being proposed for Wheeler Rd. Unfortunately, my family and I will not be able to attend the Wednesday, March 10, commission meeting, but we wanted to express our full support for the plan.

My wife and I are new to the immediate area, and right away we both noticed excessive speeding throughout Wheeler Rd, despite the heavy use among pedestrians. The pedestrian intersection at Comanche Way and Wheeler seems especially perilous due to lack of visibility due to the hill directly to the west.

We have also noticed an abundance of advanced-age drivers (not that there's anything wrong with that!) in the stretch between Comanche and Sherman. Given the nearby schools, quiet residential streets and the attraction of the South Unit of the Cherokee March, we hope that the commission and the city will ultimately promote pedestrian-friendliness of this corridor.

My wife and I are both avid walkers, hikers and bikers, and we would love to see solutions that can curb the rampant speeding up and down Wheeler.

Kind Regards,

-Nick Brown  
Comanche Way

Speed bumps are no good and not needed for this road to slow traffic and traffic islands are not good to slow traffic on this road. I am totally against them.

City of Madison can install a few more STOP signs on Wheeler Road and police can monitor traffic and hand out speeding tickets and this will solve speeding issues on Wheel Road.

Speed bumps and islands on this road is a waste of taxpayer money. Please disregard motions for speed bumps and traffic islands for any location on this road now and in the future. This ideas are crazy to say the least.

R. Hoholik, resident Cherokee neighborhood

For clarification: Per the link and information Alder Rebecca Kemble shared yesterday, there are definitely speed humps in the design along Wheeler between N. Sherman and School Roads. The photo below is taken directly from the linked material Rebecca sent to our listserve yesterday and very clearly shows speed humps along this stretch. Rebecca, if this picture taken from the materials you shared yesterday is no longer an accurate representation per your understanding of the project, please share the updated and more accurate link with our neighborhood. I appreciate your representative efforts, as well as your assistance in ensuring accurate information is shared with your constituents and neighbors.

Thank you,

Rebecca Davis

Sorry, I meant Comanche.

Rebecca Kemble  
District 18 Alder  
Madison Common Council  
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Could you share the analytics? Thanx~! - virginia Pickerell

Dear Commissioners:

I'm unable to attend your meeting tomorrow due to a conflicting obligation, but I wanted to make sure that you know there is not consensus about traffic calming measures on Wheeler between N. Sherman and School, with people especially concerned about speed humps.

For years I have fielded many complaints about excessive speeding on Wheeler Rd. and I've passed them on to the Madison Police Department and Traffic Engineering. MPD periodically does speed enforcement on Wheeler, and Traffic Engineering has conducted traffic studies, ranking the eastern section of Wheeler #2 on a city-wide list for streets warranting traffic calming measures.

This week I have heard from a number of residents of the Cherokee Park neighborhood who are opposed to traffic calming measures on Wheeler Rd. The main access to their neighborhood is via Wheeler Rd. They have been notified of your meeting tomorrow and I've encouraged them to write to you directly with their concerns.

I would very much appreciate it if you would hold off on a final decision about Wheeler Rd. traffic calming measures between N. Sherman Ave. and School Rd. until April after I've had a chance to organize a public meeting where people can understand and discuss the issues in more depth.

Thank you for your consideration,

Rebecca Kemble  
District 18 Alder  
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Yes, here are the analytics: <https://madison.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=9169737&GUID=0E16506D-7956-470D-A2A9-C3DEBD8FB0B1>

I've just requested the Transportation Commission to put off a decision until April so that we can hold a public meeting where all of the concerns and information can be shared and discussed.

Rebecca Kemble  
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There might be some misinformation going around. Points I would like to make.

- The speed humps are designed for the posted speed limit. If you are going the posted speed there is no reason to brake.
- Unless I am mistaken, no speed humps are planned between N Sherman and Comanche - only islands. (The senior housing section.)
- The speed humps are only from Comanche west to School Road. This section is notorious for speeding often more than 40 mph.
- Stop signs are not energy efficient.
- I am not aware of any petitions to remove speed humps in Madison. They have been properly designed.

My 2 cents.....

Mike Rewey