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Subject: Re: Concerns about Speeding and Excessive Vehicle Noise in Stoughton

Chief Leck,

First, I want to thank you and your staff for all you do for the Stoughton community. I appreciate you adding this to your Patrol sheet as a concern. I also realize that this has become a larger issue, as evidenced in this case, that causes a concern overall. And, the challenges to support an adequate staff in meeting these challenges.

I think collecting the data in advance of the winter season will be valuable as a first step in making an assessment. As noted in my initial email, it seems that other communities in the Madison area are being proactive with electronic monitoring signs that are attached to the speed limit signs to display what a vehicle's travel speed. Moreover, there seems to be only a few signs in this area to state what the speed limit is (although this should be somewhat intuitive knowing you are traveling in a residential neighborhood).

Thanks again for your consideration and service to the community,

Best regards,

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Mr. Rosowski,

Just to follow up on Alder Jenson's response. Thank you for bringing this concern to our attention. I have placed the speeding concerns on our Directed Patrol sheet for the officers to follow up on as time permits. Just so you are aware, we routinely only have 2 officers on duty per shift and the high traffic times usually coincide with high call volume times. This makes it difficult to stay ahead of the growing traffic problems throughout the City. As you and others are observing traffic issues (especially speeding) have increased significantly all over including here in Stoughton. We will do what we can to address the problem.

Additionally, due to the winter weather not being quite here yet, we will be placing our traffic counter device on Kings Lynn to get some hard data that will help us analyze the problem and identify strategies to help address it. I will share this data with you when it is completed. Usually, we try to get a minimum of a weeks' worth of data to get a clearer picture of the traffic patterns.

Again, thank you for the email and we will keep you posted.

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Greg (and other leaders in the Stoughton community),

Thanks for taking the time to review my e-mail and for your prompt follow-up on this matter.

Please let me know if there is anything else you need from me.

Best regards,

Paul

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Paul, thank you for the detailed email regarding your concerns. I chair the Public Safety Committee and will make sure that Chief Leck is made aware of your concerns. I will add an agenda item to our next P/S meeting to discuss possible actions we can take.

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From: PAUL G ROSOWSKI <pgrosows@wisc.edu>
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Subject: Concerns about Speeding and Excessive Vehicle Noise in Stoughton

Dear City Council members,

I hope this email finds you and your families safe and well this fall. My wife and I have lived in Stoughton 25 years, we raised two children here and thoroughly enjoy it. We have watched the community grow, are active members in it, and have watched it become more diverse and vibrant community in many good ways. Unfortunately, some issues have surfaced recently that give me pause for concern and that I would like to share with you.

First, in September, I brought to the attention of my local alderpersons (via phone calls) my concern regarding the speeding and reckless driving that was occurring on Kings Lynn and Roby Roads (we live at 924 Kings Lynn Road). This is especially apparent during the morning "rush hour' period and after 3:30PM or so in the afternoon when people are returning from work or leaving the high school. The designated speed limit for these roads is 25 mph, **it is rarely**

obeyed, and I believe drivers often exceed this limit **by 10 - 20 mph** if not more. Most concerning is watching some vehicles **speed past these areas where children are waiting for their school buses or walking to school in the morning and are distracted by their cell phones or other devices**. I often walk past the bus stop at the corner of Roby Road and Virgin Lake Drive around 7:10am, as an example, and have witnessed several close calls of potential accidents because of this issue. It's only a matter of time before someone is struck by a vehicle or a significant accident occurs. As concerned member of the community, I hope that we can avoid that from happening by taking the appropriate action in advance.

To date, no formal action has been taken to better monitor the speed limit on the roads. I would ask the Council Members consider taking positive action to limit excess speeding on these roads (i.e., permanent speed limit signs that display a vehicle's speed [not just a temporary sign], increased speed limit enforcement, or perhaps even "speed bumps," as a more drastic effort to curb this issue). I also would encourage the Council commission a study on several neighborhood areas in Stoughton to determine if this problem is more pervasive and bring greater awareness on it if it is. Let's keep Stoughton a safe and enjoyable place to live. To me, getting somewhere 5-10 minutes early is not worth the risk of having child or someone else get severely injured or worse because of this issue.

A second issue is the level of noise emitted by several select motor vehicles traveling in this area that are modified from their original form. It has become readily apparent that there a several vehicles in our local neighborhood that have modified their original equipment making them significantly louder, noise polluting and even to the point of being awakening, especially between the hours of 10pm and 6am. Wisconsin Statute 347.39 (2) states specifically:

"No person shall modify the exhaust system of any such motor vehicle in a manner which **will amplify or increase the noise emitted by the motor of such vehicle above that emitted by the muffler originally installed on the vehicle,** and such original muffler shall comply with all the requirements of this section."

Like the issue I cited above, it has become, and continues to be an ongoing problem. I am interested in knowing if there have been other complaints have been received about this issue or if any citations have been issued within the last 12 months in Stoughton about this problem.

I appreciate the Council's willingness to consider these issues and consider taking positive action against them to support a safe and vibrant Stoughton community.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you have.

Thank you for your consideration,

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