

Brentwood Village Neighborhood Traffic Study Request; City of Madison response in italics.

1. Intersection of Trailsway and North Sherman Avenue: Even with the improvements that have recently been made, crossing at this intersection is sometimes very hazardous. Traffic tends to zoom around the northbound bus when it is stopped, and this can lead to situations where pedestrians crossing at Windom Way are at risk of getting hit by a vehicle. The Red Flag program has been proposed for this intersection. While this may help in some situations, the flag will not help pedestrians when a vehicle goes around a bus and cannot see the flag. Another proposal would be to widen the island in the street, preventing vehicles from going around the bus at the stop.

*City will consider the installation of a rapid rectangular flashing beacon (RRFB) at this location. This is a ped activated beacon that uses strobe lights—similar to the island crossing of Sherman Ave just South of Aberg at the Northgate shopping center. This would be a 2017 project. This would be safer than narrowing the street at this point.*

2. The sidewalk on the north side of Trailsway ends abruptly at Fremont Avenue, forcing pedestrians on that side of the street to cross the street without a marked crosswalk. Please consider the possibility of extending the sidewalk further down Trailsway.

*Will refer to City Engineering and City Parks Dept. They would be the lead agencies on a sidewalk project here.*

3. Monterey Drive: This street has been described as a "racetrack" by some residents. The worst time is early in the morning and later in the day, but speeding drivers have been witnessed on weekend afternoons as well. This street has sidewalks for most of its length, but the concern is for children that may be crossing the street to go to the playground and the park, as well as residents backing vehicles out of driveways. Some kind of traffic calming is needed here.

*Monterey would be an ideal location for traffic calming. We will need a neighborhood contact provided so we can start the process for a project using the City's Nghd Traffic Calming program. 2016 projects have been decided, we are accepting streets for potential future projects.*

4. Sheridan Drive, between Hooker Street (in Sheridan Triangle neighborhood) and Pleasure Drive: The concern here is for both pedestrians and drivers.

A. There are two neighborhood parks along this street, and no sidewalks.

B. The street narrows significantly between Farragut Street and MacPherson street, leaving little room to avoid speeding cars (for both pedestrians and other drivers.)

C. Along this stretch of Sheridan Drive, there are six uncontrolled intersections; the one at MacPherson Street being particularly noteworthy, because the visibility is very poor due to a small hill on Sheridan Drive at this location.

D. here is a tight s-curve right by Brentwood Park, and very few drivers seem to slow through this area.

Traffic calming, sidewalks or at least a walking path should be considered. The problem is especially acute during the winter months, when snow along the sides of the street limits the walking area and the ability to walk in the terrace.

*Sheridan would be a good location for traffic calming, however City policy/practice requires that a street have curb and gutter before calming devices can be constructed. The segment of Sheridan from MacPherson to Pleasure meets the criteria, however the segment of Sheridan to the South would need to be improved before we could consider traffic calming from Hooker to MacPherson. If the Nghd would like to proceed—similar to Monterey-- we would need a nghd contact so a petition can be circulated and with that we can enroll the street for a potential future project.*

NOTE: Monterey Drive traffic study has been completed and is on the list for traffic calming. More information to follow at a later date.