

## Amber Noworatzky

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**From:** Michael Cummings  
**Sent:** Monday, August 21, 2023 2:06 PM  
**To:** Eric Sitkiewitz - D6; Amber Noworatzky  
**Subject:** Re: External: truck traffic on Waldo blvd

Amber,

Please place this on the September agenda.

Thanks!

Mike

On Aug 21, 2023 1:21 PM, Eric Sitkiewitz - D6 <esitkiewitz@manitowoc.org> wrote:  
Greetings Alderperson Cummings,

Please see the email below. I am requesting that this item be placed on the upcoming Public Safety agenda. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Eric J. Sitkiewitz

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**From:** Tony Rodriguez <abr6541@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 21, 2023 12:42 PM  
**To:** Eric Sitkiewitz - D6 <esitkiewitz@manitowoc.org>  
**Subject:** Re: External: truck traffic on Waldo blvd

Eric

I'm hoping that I can come address the committee again. Since this meeting I've almost been hit three additional times trying to pull out onto Waldo - this last time being a near fatal t bone (blue chevy Silverado). In addition I have nearly been run off the road by three different dodge rams. Rapids road and Waldo road are essentially highways in manitowoc with people driving at near highway speeds. This turns this part of manitowoc into a Wild West situation - one that police have not addressed at all. I have called the sheriffs department and the police department numerous times - being told that they will add additional patrols. Is there something I'm missing about this community ? What should be a peaceful river valley is essentially a drag strip for muscle cars - heavily modified exhausts that are excruciatingly loud and of course Harley Davidsons. Why is everyone driving at the speed of meth around here ?

I've spent ~ 40k in this community in the last year alone- that money will be gone from this community when I sell my house next year because of the traffic behavior here. If this community desires growth it is time to address the behavior of the drivers here or no one will want to move here. The future is walkable neighborhoods without cars - and Manitowoc could do that with its downtown.

Over here on the north side it feels like I am living in a NASCAR race - and the police have absolutely no desire to help. I would be extremely appreciative of the opportunity to address the council and the chief of police before I start the plans to sell this house due to the hostile environment on the roads here.

All the police would have to do is literally park a car by timeout or something - I have never seen a police cruiser doing speed enforcement here in this corner of Manitowoc once. I am from Madison Wisconsin - a city about 10-12 times this size. No one drives there like they do here.

Why even have the church bells and things over here if it is just a dragstrip? Normal behavior is not causing this situation. It is abnormal - possibly impaired behavior.

Regards,  
Tony R

> On Feb 17, 2023, at 4:30 PM, Tony Rodriguez <abr6541@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Eric  
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> Thank you so much for writing me back- that means a tremendous amount to me personally.

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> I've called the police, a couple times, and really don't want them to get the wrong idea about me as a person as I greatly value their daily work here.

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> I'm thinking that giving them some teeth on enforcement would really help.

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> I also don't want to seem like I am attacking the drivers of Manitowoc - or hardworking truckers. I used to drive a beer truck daily for years and I know that they keep our nation going.

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> I would greatly appreciate you forwarding my concern to the aforementioned committee. I believe a roundabout and or 25 mph would bring some calm to that intersection.

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> My desire to enjoy the church bells and the beauty of this community is sincere, and as Manitowoc grows - I believe that intersections' hectic nature will increase.

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> The trucks speeding up to 35 really do shake the homes around here and you have several elderly/ older veterans like myself and my neighbors, and children such as my Gabriel - with health conditions like his possibly that greatly tax the body.

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> If most of the trucks that head up the eastern shore of Lake Michigan end up going through Waldo-which it feels like- I believe the committee will gather ample data to warrant some form of increased safety parameters.

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> The speed limit that Waldo lowers to further west is very correct I believe Sir.

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> I'm hoping that a roundabout would cut down on some of the street racing behavior that I've witnessed.

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> Many thanks to you Eric for your correspondence and consideration

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> I am at your disposal Sir

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> Tony

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>> On Feb 17, 2023, at 1:47 PM, Eric Sitkiewitz - D6 <esitkiewitz@manitowoc.org> wrote:

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>> Good afternoon Tony,

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>> Pleased to meet you as well. I can assist you with some direction with communication with the city on address speed limit issues. The Public Safety committee is charged with handling traffic related safety / speed concerns. The committee meets monthly on the second Monday of the month.

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>> I can forward your request to the committee chairman to be placed on the agenda. They may take the request up right away or gather some information on traffic counts and other data.

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>> Another route would be that you can contact the Police Department directly and express your safety concern. Sometimes additional enforcement in a particular area can get traffic tendencies to change and fall into compliance, which may make the current speed limit tolerable.

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>> Let me know how you would like me to proceed.

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>> Thank you and have a nice weekend,

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>> Eric J. Sitkiewitz

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>>>> On Feb 16, 2023, at 3:45 PM, Tony Rodriguez <abr6541@gmail.com> wrote:

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>>>> Eric

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>>>> Pleased to meet you- I am one of your constituents- I live on 40th street behind timeout.

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>>>> I love manitowoc and am very proud to call it home

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>>>> I have a question- what is the best way to communicate with the city about traffic concerns for Waldo blvd?

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>>>> Recently trucks have been coming through from 3 am to 11pm 6 days a week - sometimes two abreast. It seems like Waldo is more of a trucking route than anything. Is it crazy to ask the city to lower the speed limit on Waldo to 25?

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>>>> Or turn Waldo rapids intersection into a roundabout?

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>>>> My house is shaking most of the day from trucks going through their gears and my son has medical issues where he needs good rest.

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>>> I'm just looking for some relief from the traffic behavior at that intersection.  
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>>> For some reason it turns people into nascar drivers.  
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>>> There are beautiful church bells here but you can't hear them because of people driving like it's street outlaws =]  
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>>> Turning onto Waldo blvd from 40th street going towards the lake can be very perilous. I just believe that the speed limit should be 25 like the rest of Waldo blvd- people don't do 35 - they do 50 and the trucks slam through their gears coming from that intersection to get up to speed.  
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>>> I spoke with the DOT representative for this region and he said he would speak to the traffic engineer, but that all ordinances are controlled locally.  
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>>> Thank you for your time and consideration.  
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>>> Tony R  
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