

Olivia Dias

From: Ron Hunsaker <Ron@CEHCPA.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 6:14 PM
To: Olivia Dias
Subject: Case No. SPR-ADJ-DR20-21

To Case Manger Olivia Dias

Thank you for your Notice of Filing and Request for Comments related to the proposed six-unit complex at 1795 Fairgrounds Rd; Salem, OR 97301.

I'm a shareholder in Compton, English and Hunsaker PC whose office is north across Madison and overlooks this property. I'm also a partner in Madison Professional Building LLC which owns the building. I'm speaking for myself and not necessarily anyone else.

I have reviewed the proposal and have no objections to it. I do however have the following comment:

Below are two letters I sent the City in 1998 regarding the need for some kind of traffic light at the intersection of Fairgrounds and Madison. Since then not much has been done and I've personally witnessed 57 accidents at this intersection and am sure there have been more. It seems that there is one every few months. The accidents have been of varying degrees of severity and fortunately no one has been killed yet.

Hopefully some heavy trees or other barriers could be placed to protect the easternmost bedroom from vehicles that might be knocked in that direction by an accident.

More importantly please install traffic lights of some sort at this intersection to make motorists more aware of the need to stop on Madison. This light should be paid for by the City rather than the developer as this has been an issue for decades.

Thank you for your consideration.

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January 16, 1998

Traffic Control Department
City of Salem / City Hall
555 Liberty St SE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Fairgrounds & Madison

Dear City of Salem,

I would like to suggest you consider putting a blinking red stop light at the corner of Fairgrounds Road and Madison St. NE for drivers heading east on Madison.

There is already a stop sign here, but as drivers head east on Madison from Broadway they encounter no other stop signs and their attention is drawn to the regular traffic light one block further on at Summer. The stop sign is about

16 feet back from the intersection, making it difficult for drivers who do stop to see cross traffic. The street was recently repaved due to the sewer replacement and no new white stop line has yet been painted.

Last May we completed a building on the north side of Madison so my office looks directly at this intersection. When there was just a vacant lot here, drivers had a chance to see southbound traffic on Fairgrounds. Now I frequently see drivers go right through the stop sign as if it wasn't there. There have been at least three accidents at this intersection while I've been here and I'm afraid there will be a serious one soon.

I think one blinking red light would be sufficient. But you might want to put up a four way light in the center of the intersection that blinks red for both ways on Madison and yellow both ways for Fairgrounds traffic. I do not think a four way stop nor a full blown set of traffic red/yellow/green traffic lights is needed here.

Please drive out here (coming in on Madison from Broadway) and take a look at the situation. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Ron Hunsaker

September 12, 1998

Mr. Don Gordon
Traffic Division
City of Salem / City Hall
555 Liberty St SE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Fairgrounds and Madison

Dear Don,

I wrote to you last January about the frequent accidents at the corner of Fairgrounds Road and Madison Street NE caused by drivers heading east on Madison failing to see the stop sign and crashing into those heading south on Fairgrounds.

Soon thereafter you called me to let me know what was going on and saw to it that a white stop line was painted on the street, the curbing near the stop sign was painted yellow and a larger stop sign installed. I think these have helped.

In spite of the improvements, I still see drivers fly through this intersection and it is obvious they don't even see the stop sign as they make no attempt to even slow down. Although I did not witness it, today there was another serious accident at this intersection which I'm sure was caused by the driver missing the stop sign.

In my previous letter I suggested this intersection warranted a flashing red light to get driver's attention. You mentioned such lights are expensive and that sometimes simple improvements solve the problem. I think we still have a problem here and would again like to ask you to consider the flashing red light. It wouldn't need to be a four way light ... one light above the east bound stop sign would go a long way towards solving the problem.

A couple years ago the money was found to put up double yellow caution lights at many of the school crossings around town. I would hope we could find the money for one red light. If you would let me know the cost, I could even come up with some contributions towards such a goal.

You'll never receive a "Thank you" from all the people who you save from having an accident. But I would like to thank you now for your help in solving this problem.

Sincerely,
Ron Hunsaker