

SENATE HEARING SLIP

(Please Print Plainly)

DATE: October 10, 2001

BILL NO. S.B. 242
OR
SUBJECT Rieder Road

State Senator Tom Eperback

(NAME)

Room 8 South

(Street Address or Route Number)

Madison, WI

(City and Zip Code)

(Representing)

Speaking in Favor:

Speaking Against:

Registering in Favor:

but not speaking:

Registering Against:

but not speaking:

Speaking for information only; Neither for nor against:

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BILL NO. SB 242
OR
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John Thaisie

(NAME)

Granby Cir

(Street Address or Route Number)

Madison, WI 53704

(City and Zip Code)

Westchester Gardens Neqh-1150c.

(Representing)

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JOE CHAUSSES

(NAME)

14 CURRIERSON

(Street Address or Route Number)

MADISON WI 53704

(City and Zip Code)

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RESERVATION

(Representing)

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Key St. E. E. E.

(NAME) Shirley Ross

(Street Address or Route Number)

3385 Basil Dr.

(City and Zip Code) Madison, WI

(Representing)

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(NAME) Bob Ruschley
Dave Hunsley

(Street Address or Route Number)

(City and Zip Code) WIS DOT

(Representing)

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(NAME) State Representative Dave
Travis

(Street Address or Route Number)

(City and Zip Code) Madison, WI

(Representing) Self

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OR

SUBJECT _____

Beth Sweeney
(NAME)

3314 Old Gate Rd
(Street Address or Route Number)

Madison 53704
(City and Zip Code)

Westchester Gardens Neighborhood
(Representing) Asn

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OR

SUBJECT Recker Road

Jim O'Keefe
(NAME)

210 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
(Street Address or Route Number)

Madison
(City and Zip Code)

Mayor Sue Barrman
(Representing)

Speaking in Favor:

Speaking Against:

Registering in Favor:

but not speaking:

Available to answer questions
Registering Against:

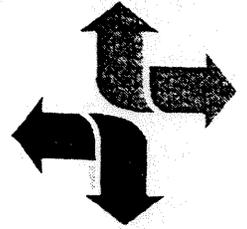
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Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**Federal Highway
Administration**

Option:

If the engineering study indicates that the traffic control signal is no longer justified, removal may be accomplished using the following steps:

- A. Determine the appropriate traffic control to be used after removal of the signal.
- B. Remove any sight-distance restrictions as necessary.
- C. Inform the public of the removal study, for example by installing an informational sign (or signs) with the legend **TRAFFIC SIGNAL UNDER STUDY FOR REMOVAL** at the signalized location in a position where it is visible to all road users.
- D. Flash or cover the signal heads for a minimum of 90 days, and install the appropriate stop control or other traffic control devices.
- E. Remove the signal if the engineering data collected during the removal study period confirms that the signal is no longer needed. Instead of total removal of the traffic control signal, the poles and cables may remain in place for 1 year after removal of the signal heads for continued analysis.

Section 4B.03 Advantages and Disadvantages of Traffic Control Signals**Support:**

When properly used, traffic control signals are valuable devices for the control of vehicular and pedestrian traffic. They assign the right-of-way to the various traffic movements and thereby profoundly influence traffic flow.

Traffic control signals that are properly designed, located, operated, and maintained will have one or more of the following advantages:

- A. They provide for the orderly movement of traffic.
- B. They increase the traffic-handling capacity of the intersection if proper physical layouts and control measures are used, and if the signal timing is reviewed and updated on a regular basis (every 2 years) to ensure that it satisfies current traffic demands.
- C. They reduce the frequency and severity of certain types of crashes, especially right-angle collisions.
- D. They are coordinated to provide for continuous or nearly continuous movement of traffic at a definite speed along a given route under favorable conditions.
- E. They are used to interrupt heavy traffic at intervals to permit other traffic, vehicular or pedestrian, to cross.

Traffic control signals are often considered a panacea for all traffic problems at intersections. This belief has led to traffic control signals being installed at many locations where they are not needed, adversely affecting the safety and efficiency of vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic.

Traffic control signals, even when justified by traffic and roadway conditions, can be ill-designed, ineffectively placed, improperly operated, or poorly maintained. Improper or unjustified traffic control signals can result in one or more of the following disadvantages:

- A. Excessive delay.
- B. Excessive disobedience of the signal indications.
- C. Increased use of less adequate routes as road users attempt to avoid the traffic control signals.
- D. Significant increases in the frequency of collisions (especially rear-end collisions).

Engineering studies of operating traffic control signals should be made to determine whether the type of installation and the timing program meet the current requirements of traffic.

Section 4B.04 Alternatives to Traffic Control Signals

Guidance:

Since vehicular delay and the frequency of some types of crashes are sometimes greater under traffic signal control than under STOP sign control, consideration should be given to providing alternatives to traffic control signals even if one or more of the signal warrants has been satisfied.

Option:

These alternatives may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Installing signs along the major street to warn road users approaching the intersection.
- B. Relocating the stop line(s) and making other changes to improve the sight distance at the intersection.
- C. Installing measures designed to reduce speeds on the approaches.
- D. Installing a flashing beacon at the intersection to supplement STOP sign control.
- E. Installing flashing beacons on warning signs in advance of a STOP sign controlled intersection on major- and/or minor-street approaches.
- F. Adding one or more lanes on a minor-street approach to reduce the number of vehicles per lane on the approach.

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All crashes with traffic signal noted as traffic control

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I		
NO COLL W/VEH IN TRANS	REAR END	HEAD ON	REAR TO REAR	ANGLE	SIDEWIPES/OPPOSITE DIR	SIDEWIPES/OPPOSITE DIR	UNKNOWN	ALL		
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2	3.00	.	.	.	3.00
3	.	.	4.00	2.00	.	12.00	2.00	.	.	20.00
4	.	.	3.00	.	.	3.00	1.00	.	.	7.00
5	1.00	.	1.00	.	2.00
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15	.	.	3.00	.	.	2.00	1.00	.	.	6.00
20	.	1.00	3.00	1.00	.	4.00	1.00	.	.	10.00
25	27.00	70.00	1045.00	128.00	17.00	2039.00	337.00	90.00	2.00	3755.00
30	49.00	64.00	1334.00	164.00	14.00	2712.00	352.00	131.00	1.00	4821.00
35	32.00	40.00	1261.00	53.00	13.00	1721.00	188.00	58.00	2.00	3368.00
40	8.00	12.00	466.00	29.00	11.00	692.00	69.00	17.00	2.00	1306.00
45	9.00	17.00	774.00	37.00	11.00	856.00	84.00	32.00	.	1820.00
50	1.00	2.00	129.00	3.00	.	84.00	16.00	4.00	.	239.00
55	4.00	2.00	93.00	3.00	1.00	93.00	17.00	4.00	1.00	218.00
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23 23
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1877 52%

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 33 B
22 A 2%

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SB 242

Bills, Nancy

From: Templeton, Carrie
Sent: Thursday, October 04, 2001 9:16 AM
To: Bills, Nancy
Cc: Erpenbach, Jon
Subject: FW: Senate Bill 242

-----Original Message-----

From: carl and crystal saxe [mailto:csaxe@home.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 03, 2001 7:25 PM
To: Sen.Erpenbach
Subject: Senate Bill 242

Senator Erpenbach,

I have communicated with you previously about this issue so you may recall its importance to me. Unfortunately, I have a professional commitment on Oct. 10 and will be unable to attend or speak at the public hearing. But this still remains very important to my family.

Although the two fatalities at Reider Road and Hwy 51 were tragic, I still believe the "solution" was poorly thought out. Closing an intersection will most certainly decrease traffic accidents but other corrective measures can also achieve the same result without the massive inconvenience we have had to endure for the past 2 1/2 years. As a 27 year veteran of the Madison Fire Department, I can assure you that there are countless intersections in this city and county that would benefit by being closed but the residents would never stand for it. The proposal vetoed by Governor McCallum is a solution that could address the safety concerns while giving our neighborhood their access back. Please do your best to make it happen.

On a related note: The proposed "alternate plan" for our neighborhood to construct a connector road from Portage Road to Hwy 51 is, in my opinion, a monumental waste of tax dollars. I understand it will cost more than placing stop lights at Reider Road yet it will be used by very few of my neighbors. Its access to Portage Road is so close to East Washington Avenue that it would be time consuming and foolish to even think of using it as a "shortcut". By the time we have driven that far, we can be on the avenue and well into the city long before we could achieve the same on the new road. It will also be placed very close to the Reindahl Park soccer fields which are filled to capacity every weekend and many week nights. If the Governor wants to save money, this is the project to veto.

Thanks for your time and good luck.

-Carl and Crystal Saxe



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October 9, 2001

Honorable Roger Breske
Chair, Senate Committee on Insurance, Tourism and Transportation
Room 18 South, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Senator Breske:

I write to convey my support for Senator Bill 242, which directs the State Department of Transportation to undertake a highway improvement project on U.S. Highway 51 at the intersection of Rieder Road in the City of Madison. The project is funded with monies from the federal hazard elimination program, which provides funds for just such types of highway safety improvement projects.

The intersection of USH 51 and Rieder Road is located on the north side of Madison. USH 51, a state highway, carries motorists into and out of the City. Area residents use the Rieder Road intersection for convenient access to employment, retail and other destinations within the City. Unfortunately, in recent years, this site has been the scene of numerous serious accidents, two of which have claimed lives.

No one disputes that safety improvements are needed at this location. For the past two years, neighborhood residents, State and City officials have been engaged in analyzing and discussing available alternatives to improve traffic safety in this area. In the end, in response to a State DOT survey, an overwhelming majority of area residents expressed support for a project that entails rebuilding a portion of the intersection and installing traffic signals. That is the project called for in Senate Bill 242.

For the past two years, Senator Jon Erpenbach has worked tirelessly to ensure that transportation planners improve the safety of this intersection in a manner that is responsive to the needs of his constituents. I commend him for his role in this effort. The bill that he and Representative Dave Travis have offered to make this intersection safer does reflect the wishes of local residents. I support it and ask you to do the same.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Susan J.M. Bauman
Mayor

SJMB/III

cc: Senator James Baumgart
Senator Jon Erpenbach
Senator Rick Grobschmidt
Senator Alan Lasee
Representative Dave Travis
Ald. Santiago Rosas

JON ERPENBACH

STATE SENATOR

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 242

State Senator Jon Erpenbach

October 10, 2001

For almost three years, I have been working with Alderman Rosas, representatives of the affected neighborhood associations and concerned citizens who have pushed hard for stop lights and safety improvements at the intersection of Highway 51 and Rieder Road in the City of Madison.

We have held many public meetings to discuss a variety of options and always the public's consensus has supported the proposal which is before you today, Senate Bill 242.

Because of the staunch support for this project, my constituents asked me to introduce a state budget amendment for stop lights and safety improvements at this intersection. This amendment was passed; incorporated into the Senate version of the budget bill and adopted as part of the Conference Committee package. Unfortunately, Governor McCallum vetoed this budget provision because the Department of Transportation raised some safety concerns regarding the inclusion of the stoplights at this location.

Senate Bill 242 is the exact language that was vetoed from the budget bill. During our discussion on this proposal, we have focused on the use of Federal Hazard Elimination (HES) Project dollars to pay for these improvements. There would, however, be minimal costs for maintenance and electrical charges to operate the stoplights, which would be paid for by the DOT.

On August 31, 2001, the Department of Transportation approved the use of Hazard Elimination Project funds to reconstruct the intersection at Rieder Road and Highway 51 with highway safety improvements, **but omitted the inclusion of the traffic lights.** Without the traffic lights, area neighborhood residents would be prohibited from coming out of their subdivision and turning southbound on Highway 51 to come into the City of Madison that they have been allowed to do for years. Without this southbound left-hand turning option, residents will still continue to use other routes, which cause additional safety problems on neighborhood streets.

Senate Bill 242 is important to thousands of Madison residents who have continued to push for almost three years for these safety improvements and stoplights at Rieder Road and Highway 51. I hope that you will pass the bill today and bring it to the Senate floor as quickly as possible.

Thank you.

PAPER BALLOT
Committee on Insurance, Tourism and Transportation

Senate Bill 242

Relating to: a certain highway improvement project on USH 51 in the city of Madison.
By Senator Erpenbach; cosponsored by Representative Travis.

September 12, 2001 Referred to Committee on Insurance, Tourism, and Transportation.

October 10, 2001 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (4) Senators Breske, Grobschmidt, Baumgart and Schultz.
Absent: (1) Senator A. Lasee.

Appearances for

- Senator Jon Erpenbach, Author
- Santiago Rosas
- Joe Clausius, Clarendon Hill Neighborhood Association
- John Theiste, Westchester Gardens Neighborhood Association

Appearances against

- Pete Rusch, WisDOT
- Dave Huntley, WisDOT

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations for

- Representative Dave Travis, CoAuthor
- Beth Sweeney, Westchester Gardens Neighborhood Association
- Jim O'Keefe, Mayor Sue Bauman

Registrations against

None.

MOTION: By *Senator Breske* to recommend passage.

Aye
 No

Signature:



Date:

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Aye

No

Signature: _____

Date: _____

W. Schultz

10/10/01

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Registrations against

None.

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Aye
 No

Signature:



Date:

10/18/01

PAPER BALLOT
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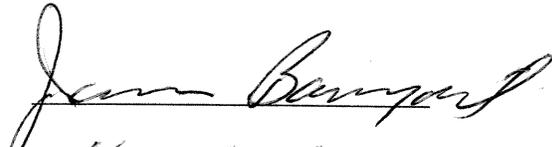
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Aye

No

Signature:



Date:

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