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Mr. Loren Glasbrenner District Administrator River Valley School District

Mr. Glasbrenner,

I have received your request to do an evaluation of the three areas we discussed to determine if an unusual hazard exists for students in Village of Spring Green attending the River Valley School District. For your reference I have attached the map with the areas you provided to me to consider.

Area #1: Area 1 consists of the west end of the village to the south end of the village, extending east to Winsted Road (US HWY 23), north to the railroad track which runs east/west through the village. I have found this area to present a hazard to children walking to school due to the need to cross the railroad tracks which have uncontrolled intersections. There are also streets with a high volume of traffic including Madison Street, Wood Street and Hoxie Street. Certain portions of this area also do not have sufficient sidewalks which would force children to walk on the shoulder of the roadway. Madison and Hoxie Streets are also east/west streets which present an issue at times of the day when vehicle operators will be looking into a rising or setting sun making it difficult to see.

Area #2: Area 2 consists of the east end of the village to the south end of the village, extending east from Winsted Street to the east and from the intersection of Monroe Street and Winsted Street to the south and east. I have found this area to present a hazard to children walking to school due to the need to cross Winsted Street (US HWY 23) which has high traffic volume and is a main thoroughfare for large industrial vehicle traffic as well as a lack of sidewalks in certain subdivisions in this area.

Area #3: Area 3 consists of the east end of the village to the north end of the village, extending from Rainbow Road east and Winsted (US HWY 23) north, crossing US HWY 14 to Woodbury Drive to the north. I have found this area to be a hazard to children walking to school due to the need to cross Winsted Street (US HWY 23) and US HWY 14. Both highways see high traffic volume including industrial vehicle traffic and speeds up to 55 miles per hour. There is also a lack of sufficient sidewalks in this area.

Please contact me should you require any further information.

Sincerely,

Steven Schram

Patrol Lieutenant, Sauk County Sheriff

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