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**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Intersection at 36th Street West and Monad  
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Ms. Whittle,

Our office has reviewed recent crash history at Monad Road and 36<sup>th</sup> Street West. While there has been an increase in the number of crashes this year compared to previous years, there is no single trend that clearly explains why. Our goal is always to implement measures that solve the problem which means we need to understand why they are happening and address the root cause(s).

Upon initial review, the recent accidents are primarily right angle accidents. A common reason for right angle crashes at unsignalized intersections is driver error in misjudging traffic gaps to turn onto or cross the major street. Given the recent crash trend, replacing the existing stop signs with larger signs and adding, "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop" plaques below the stop signs would aid in preventing those crashes where 36<sup>th</sup> Street drivers ran the stop sign and better inform those drivers who may have thought Monad traffic was stopped.

Almost half of the crashes have occurred on Sunday in the past three-year crash history, so we will be doing some additional observation the first part of January to see what may be contributing to this occurrence. We will collect additional traffic data along Monad Road in the first part of January (weather permitting) to see if speeding has been a potential crash factor related to traffic crossing Monad from 36<sup>th</sup>.

Four way stops can address certain issues so they are a great solution in some cases. However, they can also cause problems if they are not the right solution. Due to the differing approach volumes between the two streets (Monad Road has significantly higher traffic volume than 36<sup>th</sup> Street West), effectiveness of an all-way stop could be reduced for all roadway users that leads to other traffic safety concerns. For example, given traffic level difference between Monad and 36<sup>th</sup>, Monad drivers could get frustrated and the Monad traffic may start to ignore stop signs when the side street traffic is much lower, creating additional, unwanted crashes.

As I said above, we will make some changes to the stop controlled legs in the near future and we will collect additional information to develop a plan for the intersection based on the issues we see. A four way stop will be included as an option when developing the plan.

I apologize for the length of this email but I thought it was important that you are aware of the process we are working through. Thank you for taking the time to reach out to us regarding your concerns for the intersection.

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**From:** Carol Whittle <cawves@aol.com>  
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I moved to 3612 Mammoth Cave Dr. October 2024. I have noticed there are frequent--? more than 16 accidents- at the above intersection. Some of these accidents are mid-day with no clouds, ice or snow as hazards. I have spoken to neighbors who say the intersection has been a site of accidents since this neighborhood was constructed.

Could this intersection be made a 4-way stop? Carol Whittle