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Subject: [External] Safety and Traffic Study needed for Harwood Ave
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Subject: Traffic & Safety Concerns — Proposed 148-Child Daycare at 7754 Harwood Ave
To: Transportation Affairs Committee and Common Council
Date: November 14, 2025

Dear Ms. Szudy, District 8 Alder Persons Ms. Dolan and Mr. Wilke, and all members of the Transportation Affairs Committee,

My husband and I are parents of students at St. John's Lutheran School on Harwood Avenue and Wauwatosa residents in District 8 writing to express concern about the proposed 148-child daycare at 7754 Harwood Avenue.

Please understand that we fully support high-quality early-childhood education in Wauwatosa. My husband and I are both teachers. This is what we do! However, we believe this specific site presents serious traffic and safety challenges that warrant further review as general community members and as people who regularly use this stretch of road for school pick-up and drop-off.

Key concerns:

- The development would at least double parking and drop-off activity, forcing families and staff to navigate significantly increased traffic. We already use the public lots at the end of the street, and they are very full. We try to leave the street parking for families with babies and preschool children, which would also be the primary users for the proposed childcare facility.
- Harwood Avenue is a dead-end street primarily used for school access and limited neighborhood parking. We also see pedestrian and bike traffic for students traveling to/from Longfellow Middle School and Wauwatosa East High School. There are also pedestrian commuters heading to the parkway or toward the hospitals. With the Vista Village apartments being built, we anticipate even more traffic in this area or through the intersection named in the next point.
- The traffic light controlled intersection to the immediate west of the proposed facility is already difficult to navigate for commuters - motor vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians - and has seen many accidents. Also, this is a route that many emergency vehicles use to access the hospitals further west on Watertown Plank Road.
- Vehicles must turn around near an active railroad crossing, creating conflict points with commuters and children walking to and from school. Sadly, Wauwatosa has experienced

several train-related deaths involving pedestrians in the recent past (although not all at this intersection).

We respectfully ask that the City delay or condition approval until a full safety review is completed by the Traffic Affairs Committee.

Under Wauwatosa Municipal Code § 24.16.040, conditional uses must protect public health, safety, and welfare and be compatible with surrounding uses. The current configuration does not appear to meet those standards.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your ongoing commitment to safe, family-friendly neighborhoods.

Best,

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