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I am writing to bring to your attention a pressing traffic safety concern at the intersection of Boardman Ave and Main Street, which handles an astonishing 8,000+ vehicles daily. As the Chief of Police, it is my duty to ensure the safety of our citizens, and I firmly believe this intersection poses a significant risk to drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists.

The intersection in question has seen an increase in accidents and near-misses over a ten-year period. Our department has responded to numerous calls for service, including pedestrian-involved incidents. Unfortunately, a pedestrian fatality has occurred, and the potential for further tragic events is ever-present.

Several factors contribute to the hazardous conditions at this intersection:

1. Heavy traffic volume: The intersection is a major thoroughfare, with a high volume of vehicles passing through during peak hours.
2. Poor visibility: The intersection's design, including the placement of signs, parked vehicles and buildings, creates blind spots and reduces visibility for drivers.
3. Insufficient lighting: The existing lighting is inadequate, making it difficult for drivers to see pedestrians, cyclists, and other vehicles, especially at night or during inclement weather.
4. Aggressive driving, including speeding and tailgating, is prevalent due to the intersection's design and driver frustration.

To address these concerns, I recommend the following:

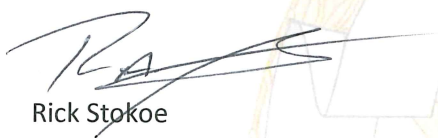
1. Conduct a comprehensive traffic study to identify the root causes of the safety issues and develop targeted solutions.
2. Install improved lighting, including LED streetlights and pedestrian-scale lighting, to enhance visibility.
3. Enhance traffic and pedestrian management devices.

4. Consider implementing Intelligent Transportation System technologies, such as traffic signals with pedestrian countdown timers.

I request that the city allocate necessary resources to address these safety concerns. I am willing to work closely with city officials, engineers, and other stakeholders to develop and implement effective solutions.

Given the high volume of traffic and the severity of the safety concerns, I urge you to prioritize this matter. I look forward to collaborating with you to ensure the safety of our community.

Sincerely,



Rick Stokoe

Chief of Police

