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I am writing to express my concern regarding the current allocation of resources within our village, particularly the continued investment in downtown Homewood while other areas remain significantly underserved and, in some cases, unsafe.

Downtown Homewood already benefits from highly visible crosswalks, pedestrian push buttons, clear signage, and enhanced lighting. These improvements have made that area safer and more accessible for residents and visitors alike. However, this level of infrastructure is not reflected throughout the rest of the village.

A clear example of this disparity is the intersection of Riegel Road and 187th Street. This intersection presents serious safety concerns for pedestrians. While crosswalks are present, they lack essential features such as pedestrian crossing signs and push buttons to safely signal for the right of way. Instead, pedestrians are forced to rely on vehicle-triggered loop sensors, often waiting extended periods for traffic to activate a green light. There are also no "Walk" signals to guide or protect those crossing.

Additionally, the crosswalk markings at this intersection have faded significantly, reducing their visibility to drivers. It is not uncommon to witness vehicles running red lights or stopping directly within the crosswalk, further endangering pedestrians. Traffic speeds along both Riegel Road and 187th Street frequently exceed safe limits.

These dangers are even more pronounced at night. The area is poorly lit, with only a fraction of the street lighting available in downtown Homewood. While continued improvement of downtown is valuable, it should not come at the expense of basic safety in other parts of the community. All residents deserve safe, accessible infrastructure regardless of where they live within the village. Maybe you should work on bringing the rest of the village up to date with safety features first.

I respectfully urge the Board to reassess current priorities and allocate funding toward critical safety improvements in underserved areas such as the Riegel Road and 187th Street intersection. Enhancements such as proper pedestrian signals, updated crosswalk markings, improved signage, traffic calming measures, and increased street lighting would significantly improve safety and quality of life for residents.

Yours,
Joan Stalick