



## Police Department

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## Starin Road Considerations

### Overview

*This document is intended to provide an overview of the situation and potential solutions. Further details can be provided and researched as may be deemed necessary.*

Starin Road is a significant, east-west, roadway through the heart of the UWW main campus. The roadway spans to the eastern and western borders of campus from Koshkonong Drive to Prairie Street. There are 10 north-south crosswalks within this section of roadway. To the north of Starin Road are all but one of the University's Residence Halls and to the south the vast majority of the academic facilities. This configuration requires, at a minimum, approximately 4000 resident students to cross Starin each instructional day. This does not include the additional commuter students, staff and faculty utilizing the northern parking lots of 4, 7, 9, 11, 18, and 19.

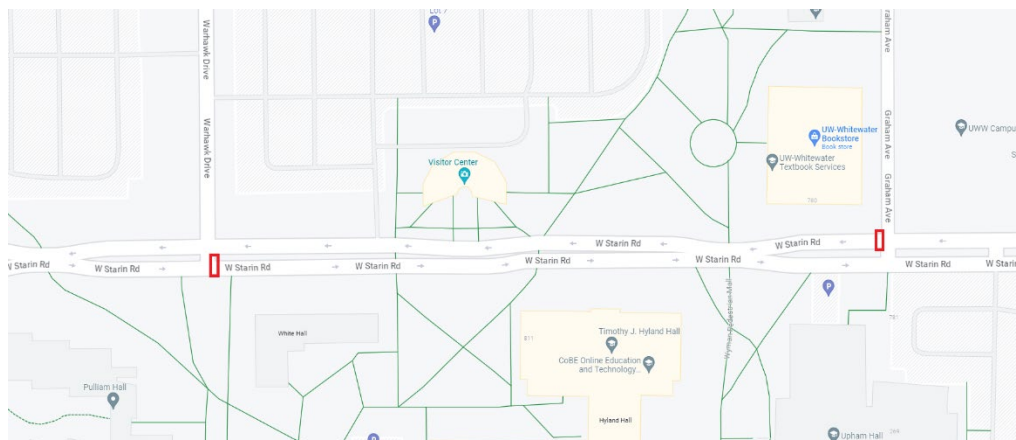
### Current Situation

University Police Campus Service Officers (student CSOs) have been staffing the two main crosswalks on Starin Road for approximately 12 years. The crosswalk closest to the University Bookstore and the one adjacent to Pulliam Hall have been routinely staffed. These two points were chosen based on pedestrian patterns, vehicle flow, points of constriction and comingling were determined.

Unfortunately, over the past several years, University Police have found it increasingly difficult, if not impossible, to find individuals willing and able to work in a crossing guard position. This has resulted in only the crosswalk nearest the bookstore being staffed, again based on slightly higher pedestrian levels at that crossing. Having only one crosswalk staffed results in significantly reduced effectiveness in vehicle traffic movement, higher levels of vehicle to pedestrian interactions and greater likelihood of accident.

### Suggestions, Considerations and Concerns

It is the recommendation of the University Police to close Starin Road between the intersections of Warhawk Drive/Starin Road and Graham Ave/Starin Road, creating a pedestrian



mall. A mall area would provide for the continuous safe movement of students, staff, faculty and community members throughout the heart of campus.

A secondary recommendation would be the installation of gates at the above intersections to restrict traffic during the highest pedestrian timeframes, approximately 7:30am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday. There are a number of potential gate types from manual to automatic, timed or remote operated. Installing gates, as pictured on the previous page, in the appropriate southern eastbound lane and northern westbound lane, would still allow for emergency vehicles to transit without gate operation when necessary. Snow removal could be facilitated with a remote control or personnel coordination.

A tertiary solution would be the use of Limited Term Employment (LTE). The hiring of 4-5 LTE Security Guard classification individuals specifically for crosswalk duties and other duties as assigned. This would be a costlier endeavor and may encounter the same personnel issues as described with the CSOs.

Final potential resolutions include continuing as is or complete discontinuation of crosswalk duties. Neither of these are considered practical and hold potentially negative outcomes.