

## Brad Marquardt

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**From:** Jacob Hintz  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 21, 2024 1:46 PM  
**To:** Dan Meyer  
**Subject:** RE: Starin Road Closure

Hey Dan,

The closure of Starin Rd impacted the ability to respond timely to anything in that area. I understand this was done in an effort to reduce possible issues with pedestrians, but simple education of the students on how to use the crosswalks would be great. The other issue that would help visibility and safety would be to take the trees and large planters out in the center of the road that obstruct 100 percent of the view. I have noticed a ton of students pop out of the crosswalks with no way to see them ahead of time because of all the vegetation.

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**From:** Dan Meyer <DMeyer@whitewater-wi.gov>  
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**To:** PD Entire Department <policedepartment@whitewater-wi.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Starin Road Closure

All,

If you have any feedback regarding the effects of the temporary Starin Rd. closure, please email them to me by Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, so Brad can discuss them with the Public Works Committee.

Thanks,  
Dan

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**From:** Richard Ellis  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 23, 2024 5:09 PM  
**To:** Dan Meyer  
**Subject:** RE: Starin Road Closure

Chief Meyer,

Regarding the temporary closure of Starin Rd., I personally was not a fan of it. There were multiple instances where I, while responding to calls, honestly forgot about the closure and it slowed my response time. Thankfully the calls were not emergent, but any response from Starin Rd. to an emergent call could be significantly slowed (one minute or more) by the closure. Due to that, I would rather keep the roadway open.

Please let me know if you have any questions on the above.

Best Regards,

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**From:** Dan Meyer  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 27, 2024 9:58 AM  
**To:** Brad Marquardt  
**Subject:** RE: Starin Road Closure  
**Attachments:** RE: Starin Road Closure; RE: Starin Road Closure

Brad,

Attached is the feedback I received as feedback from staff regarding the Starin Road closure. The two who responded believed it was problematic for response times.

In addition to their feedback, I would add that I think it makes sense to keep the roadway open rather than diverting the traffic to Main St. based on the data. We've had no traffic crashes involving pedestrians on Starin Rd. in the last five years, as opposed to Main St. where we've had five. Given that, I believe closing Starin Rd. would increase the chance of vehicle/pedestrian crashes on Main St. and would only serve to reduce the *perceived* safety concern on Starin Rd. that is not currently supported by the data.

Thanks,  
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**From:** Brad Marquardt <[BMarquardt@whitewater-wi.gov](mailto:BMarquardt@whitewater-wi.gov)>  
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**From:** Liam Fritz  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 3, 2024 4:23 PM  
**To:** Dan Meyer  
**Subject:** Re: Starin Road Closure

My understanding is that the closure of Starin Rd. was done for the safety of college pedestrians. I believe the closure failed to meet this condition as the busiest of the crosswalks was not protected by this closure. This crosswalk is just west of the Starin/Warhawk drive intersection, and the road closure began just east of said intersection. People have to look both ways before they cross anywhere else in the city and the rest of the world, and the presence of a college population shouldn't have to necessitate the closure of a major road. As a resident of Pulliam Hall, this intersection is the interaction I use most frequently and have never felt at risk or in danger when crossing the road at this intersection, so long as I look both ways and make sure that any vehicles present and coming to a stop before crossing.

- Liam Fritz

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**From:** Brian Neumeister  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2024 1:21 PM  
**To:** Brad Marquardt  
**Subject:** RE: Starin Road Closure

Brad,  
Creates longer distance and travel times especially for our large/slow moving equipment for us. More traffic on Main St. I believe it may cause an issue for emergency response, if there happens to be a problem with gates or whatever they are using to stop traffic. If they wish to do this we should have them take over all maintenance of the street from Prairie to Prince. Just a few thoughts.

Thank you,

*Brian Neumeister*  
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Thank you.

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**From:** Kelly Freeman  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 27, 2024 11:52 AM  
**To:** Brad Marquardt; Dan Meyer; Jim Bergner; Josh Hyndman; Ben Mielke; Brian Neumeister  
**Cc:** Ryan Dion  
**Subject:** RE: Starin Road Closure

Brad,

The Fire Department didn't have any calls for service that can be directly linked to the closure of Starin Rd. We did notice an increase of traffic on W. Main St due to the closure, but that was expected. If this is something that is going to be considered as a long term closure, the Fire Department will need to be involved in the planning before we will approve any plans.

Thank you and stay safe,

*Kelly Freeman*

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