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I am well aware of the hate for change and inconvenience. However, I do have some questions and thoughts about the "trial" closure of the city "owned" and maintained traffic arteries of Whitewater travel.

What are the traffic incident statistics for reported pedestrian problems, incidents or accidents on Starin Rd?

Why is the traffic being sent to Main Street where there has been a documented accident that resulted in the flashing light crossing? Isn't this just pushing the problem to another of town?

Why do non-tax paying temporary individuals that are here for less than 4 years (and not year around) allowed to make decisions on city streets?

As individuals that regularly use Starin for daily travel, it is quickly learned to up defense when there is increased foot traffic.

Over the years and in August, I have chuckled with friends saying: "Wish the Banner and City of Whitewater social media would remind the 365 day a year residents that the temporary residents are back and to up the awareness of more foot traffic.

Freshman individuals in the past were required to take "first year experience" class. If this is still in place; maybe street crossing instructions and demos could be a requirement of said class. All classes start with a syllabus, Could a reminder be added reminding the individuals that they should do defensive walking? Drivers are taught to defensive drive; the syllabus could remind the pedestrians of defensive walking.

I have run this email through my head since hearing about this "trial run". Again, change is never fun. However, closure of a city street to accommodate a temporary population does not seem to be the answer.

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