



Starin Road

Resolution Purpose: Input for Consideration

WHEREAS, the Whitewater Student Government asked the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater to examine pedestrian safety on Starin Rd. noting close calls, and the absence of crossing guards;

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2024 the Whitewater City Council voted 5-2 to run a two week test closure of Starin Rd. from 6am to 6pm Monday through Friday October 7-18, 2024. And on December 17, 2024 the Whitewater City Council voted to install stop signs and reduce speed on Starin Rd. by a 4-3 vote, instead of implementing the closure, in attempt to calm traffic;

WHEREAS, results of the new measures will be revisited in June by the Whitewater Common Council;

WHEREAS, the professionals in the Whitewater Department of Public Works, recommends not closing the road, based on a consensus of their employees;

WHEREAS, City of Whitewater Police Officers noted challenges in responding to calls in the area as a result of the closure, and that Starin Rd. has not had any major incidents compared to Main St.;

WHEREAS, traffic data during the study found an increase in traffic on Main St., which has a history of fatal accidents;

WHEREAS, Academic Staff Assembly has had many conversations regarding Starin Rd.;

WHEREAS, in these conversations concerns regarding emergency traffic, movement of Center for Student With Disabilities vans, Main Street safety, cell phone use of pedestrians, access to parking lots, the safety of the crosswalks on Starin Rd. by Pulliam hall, not wanting the university to impose upon the community, among other issues, were raised;

WHEREAS, upon survey of Academic Staff Assembly in January 2025, there was a majority opposed to any form of closure of Starin Rd. mirroring conversations held in-person and other traffic calming measures including speed reduction and stop signs received more favorable response;

WHEREAS, Academic Staff Assembly is comprised of University of Wisconsin-Whitewater employees, many of whom are also residents of the City of Whitewater;

WHEREAS, Academic Staff Assembly is comprised of employees who also cross Starin Rd. on a daily basis getting from parking lots to offices, or general movement around campus for meetings etc.;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, Academic Staff Assembly are firmly opposed to any closure of Starin Rd.;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, Academic Staff Assembly will consult with University Staff Assembly and Faculty Senate if they wish to convert to a shared resolution, and that such conversion without substantial change will not require a further vote of this body;



Action Date				
Action	Approved	Rejected	Tabled	Other
Vote Detail	Ayes	Nays	Abstentions	Other