

Dear Mayor Treece and City Council members,

The Bicycle & Pedestrian Commission and the Public Transit Advisory Commission request that the City improve the lighting at Carter Ln and Providence Rd.

A pedestrian was killed at this location on January 22, 2015. It was dark at the time of the incident. This location has a bus stop on each side of the roadway. Students and other residents get off the bus on the west side of Providence and then cross the road at that location to the east side of Providence to get to Campus View Apartments and other destinations in that area. When it's dark, the current dim lighting does not clearly illuminate the area in which they cross. Additionally, recent studies by AAA and the Automobile Club of Southern California's Automotive Research Center found that many vehicles are equipped with headlamps that do not illuminate sufficiently. Therefore, sufficient lighting at intersections and places where pedestrians may be crossing is paramount.

The intersection of Carter Ln and Providence Rd has street lamps, but they are dim. In order to allow for the safest possible passage for our community's citizens, we request that these be upgraded to better quality lighting such as high quality LED street lights.

MoDOT engineer Trent Brooks agreed to study the area. That, in conjunction with this letter, are specific action steps taken now to help prevent any future tragedies.

At their meeting of April 20, 2016, the Bicycle & Pedestrian Commission unanimously passed a motion to send a letter to the Council asking for improved lighting at the noted intersection.

At their meeting of April 21, 2016, the Public Transit Advisory Commission also unanimously passed a motion to send a letter to the City Council requesting improved lighting at the Providence-Carter Lane intersection.

Thank you for considering our recommendation.

Sincerely,



Mike Burden, Chair



Columbia Bicycle & Pedestrian Commission



Cheryl Price, Chair

Public Transit Advisory Commission