

Cespedes, Christopher

From: City of Ann Arbor Transportation Commission
Sent: Friday, November 15, 2024 2:42 PM
To: Cespedes, Christopher
Subject: FW: Dangerous driving

From: Gaynor, Jeff <xxxxxx@aaps.k12.mi.us>
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 3:26 PM
To: Alex Lowe <xxxxxx@gmail.com>
Cc: boardofed@a2schools.org; City of Ann Arbor Transportation Commission <xxxxxx@a2gov.org>; City Council xxxxxx @a2gov.org; xxxxxx@gmail.com; xxxxxx@gmail.com; xxxxxx@gmail.com; xxxxxx@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Dangerous driving

Dear Alex,

On behalf of the school board, thank you for expressing your concern about dangerous driving and the conditions that potentially lead to serious injuries. What you describe with the bus driver certainly appears egregious.

I am including Liz Margolis in this email. As Executive Director for Student & School Safety, she is in a better position to respond to the whole of your email.

Sincerely,
Jeff

Jeff Gaynor
Secretary, Ann Arbor Board of Education
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On Wed, Oct 23, 2024 at 9:02 AM Alex Lowe <xxxxxx@gmail.com> wrote:

Good morning,

At about 7:40 this morning (2024-10-23), while crossing Packard at Fernwood when the crossing light was green for me, I was nearly run over by an AAPS bus that went westbound through the red light at what appears to have been full speed before turning right onto Parkwood Ave. While I was fortunate enough to avoid the bus and am uninjured, this event is deeply troubling to me. School buses, by their very nature, are more likely than most vehicles to be in areas with children, who are probably not going to be as situationally aware as an adult. Moreover, this particular intersection is a common crossing spot for students attending Scarlett Middle School.

This incident was the icing on the cake for me after multiple cases where parents dropping students off at schools have endangered both my life and the lives of students and AAPS has abdicated

responsibility despite creating the very conditions that cause this dangerous driving. This incident is an even more direct example of AAPS making things more dangerous for people on the streets of Ann Arbor.

What actions are AAPS and the city going to take before this structural problem results in actual lives lost? Am I shouting into the void or is AAPS actually paying any attention to its transportation issues?

Regards,

Alex Lowe