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From: Scott Weber <xxxxxxx@hey.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 20, 2024 5:29 PM
To: City of Ann Arbor Transportation Commission <xxxxxxx@a2gov.org>
Subject: Scio Church concerns

Hello,

I am writing to express concerns about unsafe traffic on Scio Church, especially between Seventh and Churchill. There seems to be a pattern of unsafe drivers, usually traveling at excessive speed, using the center turn-only lane on Scio Church as a passing lane to pass traffic traveling in the same direction at or near the speed limit. Even without specifically looking for this problem and not spending all that much time on Scio Church myself, I witness it happen multiple times every month. I generally see this happen in one of three scenarios:

1. A driver is unwilling to travel at the speed of the car in front of it, even if that front car is traveling at the speed limit and driving normally.
2. A driver is unwilling to slow down for traffic that is turning right off of Scio Church.
3. A driver is unwilling to slow down for traffic that is coming to a stop to allow a pedestrian to cross Scio Church.

All three of these scenarios strike me as incredibly dangerous.

Prior to the reconstruction of Scio Church a couple of years ago, I provided feedback about drivers using the center turn lane as a passing lane to the engineers, in the hopes that some traffic calming devices could be installed as a part of that project. The pedestrian refuge near Churchill seems to have helped in that specific area of the roadway, but there has been no impact on the rest of the roadway. In fact, it seems to have gotten worse since the road was rebuilt.

While we may have missed our opportunity for stronger solutions during the rebuild, perhaps there are other measures that can be put in place now? Additional traffic enforcement along Scio Church would be one possibility. Another might be some temporary bollards blocking the center turn lane between the cross streets (I have attached a diagram attempting to illustrate what I mean here)? I'm sure there are other options as well.

In any case, I wanted to make sure that you were aware of this problem in the hopes that something could be done to address this dangerous behavior before someone gets injured or killed.

Thanks,

Scott Weber
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