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Mr. John Rooney
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Re: Crosswalk Yield Sign on 700 block of Wisconsin Avenue

Dear Mr. Rooney,

This is a letter to notify you that Racine County intends to place a crosswalk yield sign on the 700 block of Wisconsin Avenue between the Racine Courthouse and the Law Enforcement Center (LEC). Racine County requests the City of Racine's permission to place and maintain the crosswalk yield sign which is detailed below.

Wisconsin Avenue is a one way street traveling south through Racine's downtown area. Crosswalk markings are in place in the middle of the 700 block of Wisconsin Avenue where there are minimal traffic signals to stop or slow traffic. The yield sign and arrows in place along the left and right sides of the crosswalk have not been effective to yield traffic when pedestrians are in the crosswalk. Metered and handicapped parking spaces are available along both sides of Wisconsin Avenue, up to and after the crosswalk markings. Parked vehicles can make it difficult for drivers and pedestrians to spot each other as they are navigating down or across Wisconsin Avenue. On a daily basis, drivers fail to yield at the crosswalk and put pedestrians at risk.

Numerous complaints have been made to our Executive Safety Committee and to our Employee Safety Committee concerning potential danger and reported near accidents at the Wisconsin Avenue crosswalk. Racine County has a growing concern about the safety of its employees and the general public crossing Wisconsin Avenue between the Courthouse and the LEC. As a government agency committed to providing effective and efficient services to our citizens, Racine County's Courthouse and LEC are open to the public and experience a high volume of traffic during business hours. The number of pedestrians that cross Wisconsin Avenue during business hours is estimated to be anywhere from 100 to 300 people per day.

To address those concerns and take action before a tragic or even fatal incident occurs at the crosswalk, Racine County requests that the City of Racine allow a portable crosswalk yield sign to be placed on the 700 block of Wisconsin Avenue between the Courthouse and LEC from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on business days. Racine County will procure the sign and maintain it, and our staff will be responsible for putting the sign up and taking it down on regular working days at the permitted times. Please see the attached images for details on the sign (Model LY-25) and its placement on Wisconsin Avenue. The sign has an overall height of 42" and width of 12", and meets MUTCD and state safety regulations.

Racine County will start using the crosswalk yield sign on July 1, 2015, unless an objection is made to this request within 10 business days of receipt. If the City of Racine fails to respond to this request, Racine County will assume the City of Racine agrees to the terms set forth in this letter.

Sincerely,

Racine County Executive Safety Committee

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Flexible Post Crosswalk Signs



In street flexible crosswalk signs are designed to take a direct hit from passing vehicles and return to their original position.

- Meets MUTCD and state safety regulations for in-street signage
- Signs are manufactured with yellow-green fluorescent prismatic sheeting with a white high-intensity prismatic insert.
- Available with a portable 30 pound 100% recycled rubber base or can be surface mounted.
- Overall height of 42" with two 36"x12" sign panels for two-way view.
- Optional yellow safety strips and reflective "cats-eyes" embedded in rubber base for maximum visibility at night.
- Custom signs are available on request.



School Stop Model 5S-25 School Yield Model 5Y-25



State Law Yield Model LY-25 State Law Stop Model LS-25

