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To whom it may concern,

Hello, my name is, Jamie Gerten. I am a resident that lives in the Weber Estates community and have lived here for nearly 8 years, this coming summer. I am so glad this discussion is being had! It is very near to my heart. My family and I, we are a total of 7. My husband, Nick and I have 5 children; aged from 4.5 months-12 years of age. Two of our children are both 10 and were classmates with Robert Leonardi. He had visited our house a few times to come and play. It's safe to say that the tragedy that took his life rocked the entire valley. I cannot turn onto golf course from South Crest without thinking about it, to this very day. #RememberRobert is an easy thing to do, but it breaks my heart. We have only crossed over to the RAL trail, 1 time. It was a very nerve wracking experience. Cars suddenly appear up and over the hill and 35mph doesn't seem fast until your the person in front of the vehicle and I know some people abuse that limit. I have witnessed younger men romping their trucks, certainly up over the speed limit. I have been impatiently passed turning onto South Crest from Golf course by the very truck that I have seen speed before in the no passing section. I hardly ever see any patrolmen. I grew up in a time not so long ago, but long enough that times have changed and the contrast is that I fear allowing my children to do the things I once did. Our 3 older children are at the ages I would like to allow them to bicycle over to the trail alone or into town, whether it be to the park or grab a soda from the gas station, but that road is too busy. There is absolutely no shoulder safe from traffic. I have passed people walking or biking into town countless times and even being the driver makes me nervous due to the lack of space allowed to pass them and also any oncoming traffic that could be present. I can count on 1 hand how many times I have walked or biked with my kids down to town, because it is just to busy.

Please!!! I am begging and pleading that whatever measures need to be taken to not only put in the crosswalk sites mentioned, but also a path for the walkers and bikers that wish to commute to town. Without the knowledge of this even being in the process, it was not long after the one time we crossed over to the RAL trail that I've tried to leave a message concerning this very thing. Such a blessing it has been started!

Thank you!

Sincerely,
The Gerten Family

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