

## Jenkins, Jessica

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**From:** ASUWT City Liaison <asuwtcl@uw.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 23, 2020 4:40 PM  
**To:** City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** Fwd: Crosswalk

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If you could please forward this on to city council members, this is a UWT student sharing his concerns about the crosswalk on south 21st street, where a student was recently hit.

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**From:** Ryan Davis <ryand8vis@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 22, 2020, 7:55 AM  
**To:** ASUWT City Liaison  
**Subject:** Crosswalk

Hello, I saw your sign last night and wanted to send my comments. In my opinion this is a very dangerous crosswalk. I cross here on my bike every day. I am coming from the Dome Station, working my way up the hill. I would prefer to be in the street, but there are no good routes and no bike lanes, so I stay on the sidewalk in this section.

Even with the blinking lights, cars DO NOT STOP here. You have to inch your way out until they have no choice. When you are halfway through, blocking one direction of traffic, this process begins again - so one direction of traffic needs to wait while you inch out to force the other lane to stop.

The cars coming up the hill especially, in their defense, don't have a good line of vision and don't see you right away (but also willfully ignore the blinking lights and do not slow down with any caution). It is also important to emphasize that even when they see you, they just keep going.

I appreciate the giant signs and blinking lights, but without enforcement, it's all pointless. **This is an extremely dangerous crosswalk, made worse because drivers simply do not care, and have no repercussions for blowing through the crosswalk.**

Thank you for your consideration,  
Ryan Davis



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**From:** ASUWT City Liaison <asuwtcl@uw.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2020 11:31 AM  
**To:** City Clerk's Office  
**Subject:** Fwd: Crosswalk

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Here's another response about the dangerous crosswalk at UWT. Please forward on to the mayor and city council.

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**From:** Yolonda Virgili <ykv@uw.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 8:34:15 AM  
**To:** ASUWT City Liaison <asuwtcl@uw.edu>  
**Subject:** Crosswalk

Good morning! I was so happy to see the signs at the crosswalk yesterday evening. The crosswalk is dangerous. I have worked at the UW Tacoma since August of 2018 and in that time I have had, at the very least, over ten times! The crosswalk is CRAZY!! People blow thru the crosswalk while you are walking in it, don't stop, burn rubber in order to stop before hitting you, honk as if crossing in the crosswalk is wrong and that they have the right away, roll right up on you so when you pass their car they can take off and just this morning I was halfway the crosswalk, everyone had stopped and this car comes up over the hill, driving fast and just blow passes me in the middle of the crosswalk!! I had to take a step back or be hit!! It doesn't matter to drivers if the light is blinking and ten people are in the crosswalk, they just don't care, don't pay attention or are on the cell phones. Cell phones, I seen that lots of times and they look up just in time or when it is too late to stop for you. To be safe, a lot of times, I wait until there is nothing coming then cross. The luxury of waiting doesn't always present itself so you have to take a chance.

I don't know what can be done but it would be nice to feel safe in the crosswalk. Thank you for wanting to listen and posting the signage so we would know where to direct our comments.

Sincerely,

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