

McGuigan, Patrick

From: McGuigan, Patrick
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2019 1:46 PM
To: McGuigan, Patrick
Subject: FW: Traffic calming on the 1300 and 1400 blocks of Spaight St.

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From: Paul - Home
Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2019 8:04 PM
Subject: Traffic calming on the 1300 and 1400 blocks of Spaight St.

Dear Transportation Commission,

I am writing in support of a plan drafted by Traffic Engineering to install speed bumps on the 1300 and 1400 blocks of Spaight Street. Cars commonly drive at excessive speeds along that stretch of Spaight Street as the road is wider to accommodate the buses. Our family has lived near the corner of Spaight and Dickinson since 2004. The traffic speed and volume has increased over the years. During the construction on Willy Street, Spaight and other neighborhood streets became a bypass. Even though construction is now complete, the use of Spaight Street has increasingly become a standard shortcut for many people.

Speeding near the corner of Spaight and Dickinson is problematic for several reasons. First, it is a main intersection for school kids crossing in the morning and after school. All the other crossing points are at stop signs. While our two kids went to Marquette and O'Keeffe, I walked them across the street as the fifth grader crossing guards were not able to stop cars. Ironically, some of the worst drivers at school stop-start times are parents speeding to get their kids to school or get to somewhere else after dropping their kids off. Second, number 3 and 38 bus lines stop at the corner. Speeding cars create unsafe conditions for people getting off the bus. Third, many cars take advantage of no stop signs at Spaight-Dickinson and Dickinson-Rutledge. Although it may seem silly that people would avoid two stop signs between Spaight-Dickinson and the river, it's what happens. This results in people taking wide turns at high speeds, entering the oncoming lane on Dickinson St. Many people on bikes and in cars--including several times for everyone in our family--have nearly been hit. For several years, neighbors put up the yellow plastic placards of a child with the word "slow." They've had no effect.

Installing speed bumps would really help reduce these problems. Quite simply, they work. We previously lived at 1233 Spaight Street from 1998-2004. Cars drove very fast as there was not a stop sign between the Wilmar Center and the corner of Spaight and Baldwin. Even though it is not as wide as Jennifer St, which has the bus route, people used Spaight Street to avoid slowing down for buses. Now? Traffic on Spaight Street is minimal and slow. While I would agree that there are "a few bad actors" on the 1300 and 1400 blocks, the problem has grown well beyond a few.

Our family appreciates you listening to our concerns that we share with our neighbors and drafting a plan to slow traffic. I understand that you will be discussing this plan at a meeting next week. We ask that you please approve the plan. Please let me know if you would like to further discuss these concerns with me.

Kind regards,

Paul and Avicia West

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From: Mohr, Thomas
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2019 7:50 AM
To: McGuigan, Patrick
Subject: FW: Support for Spaight St Traffic Calming

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Subject: Support for Spaight St Traffic Calming

Dear Transportation Commission,

I write to you in support of speed humps being installed on the 1300/1400 block of Spaight St in an effort to calm traffic and reduce the currently-excessive speeds at which drives come down our child-filled, residential street.

Thank you,
Bradley Grochocinski
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From: Mohr, Thomas
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2019 7:50 AM
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Subject: Spaight St. traffic calming

Transportation Commission:

We are 20+ year residents of the 1300 block of Spaight St. We have raised two kids here, and have operated an in-home childcare for 15 years. In the time we have lived here, we have seen the traffic increase, and the frequency of cars driving far too fast has increased.

With the school down the street, the number of children crossing Spaight St at Dickinson is large in the mornings and afternoons. With Madison Metro bus stops on two corners there, numerous bus riders cross Spaight St. to catch or depart the bus. We have witnessed many near accidents at this intersection. One nearly involved the children from the childcare as we crossed the street at the intersection. While the speed limit is 25, 20 if children are present, we routinely see vehicles travel at speeds of up to 40 miles per hour as measured with a radar gun.

It has come to my attention that there will be a proposal brought to the commission to add traffic-calming speed humps to the 1300 and 1400 block of Spaight. I think this is a very good idea, as it has been effective in reducing traffic speed on the 1100 and 1200 blocks of Spaight St.

Sincerely,
Michelle Martin and
William Jameson
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