

From: Plant, Joel  
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2007 8:24 AM  
To: 'JOHN AAGAARD'  
Cc: Konkel, Brenda; Dryer, David  
Subject: RE: speed humps on mifflin street

Mr. Aagaard:

I have received information from our Traffic Engineering Department substantiating that the process for deciding to place a speed hump on E. Mifflin Street was properly followed. I understand that you are not happy with the installation of the speed humps, but I note that you had previously signed a petition requesting the Traffic Engineering Department to "employ an additional traffic management device on our block such as a speed hump." While you are certainly entitled to change your opinion on speed humps, this petition evidences that neighborhood input was sought and received.

I am forwarding your concern that the speed hump is too tall to our traffic engineer for investigation.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Joel

Joel Plant  
Assistant to Mayor Dave Cieslewicz  
City of Madison  
608-266-4611

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From: JOHN AAGAARD [mailto:j.aagaard@sbcglobal.net]  
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2007 5:29 PM  
To: Plant, Joel  
Subject: Re: speed humps on mifflin street

joel

too late. they are half constructed, i assume they will be complete on tuesday.

also of interest, the one in front of my house seems to be too tall by my unscientific measurement. (chalk line and ruler)

john

----- Original Message -----

From: "Plant, Joel" <JPlant@cityofmadison.com>  
To: JOHN AAGAARD <j.aagaard@sbcglobal.net>  
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2007 8:54:57 AM  
Subject: RE: speed humps on mifflin street

Mr. Aagaard:

I have asked our Traffic Engineering Department to brief me on the expected construction date(s) for the speed humps. As soon as I hear back from them, I will let you know. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me at 266-4611.

Thanks,  
Joel

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From: JOHN AAGAARD [mailto:j.aagaard@sbcglobal.net]  
Sent: Friday, November 02, 2007 4:01 PM  
To: Plant, Joel  
Subject: speed humps on mifflin street

dear mr. plant,

my name is john aagaard and i live at 1220 east mifflin street.

my block has a speed hump planned to be constructed in front of my house. i have been trying to deal fairly with this issue with traffic engineering and have not been satisfied by their performance.

in particular, the traffic engineering department has not been willing or able to follow a number of it's own policies as outlined in the neighborhood traffic management program manual.

of particular concern to me is the issue of street width. it clearly states on page 18 of the NTMP manual that speed humps are not to be constructed on streets with a width equal or greater than 32 feet. my block of mifflin street is 36 feet wide by data provided by traffic engineering. however, when questioned about this issue traffic engineering has told me and a number of neighbors that issue doesn't matter. i have spoken directly about this issue with mr mark winter and he said i could appeal this issue with the ped/bike transportation committee on november 27th.

my problem is that the hump will be constructed before i have a chance to appeal the committee's decision.

there are a number of other issues that i beleve traffic engineering has done that do not follow the gidelines in the NTMP manual. namely the time line and flow chart on page 24 of the NTMP manual. i was not involved in the intial process that was started by a neighbor, and had basically a 2 week notice that a vote was scheduled to occur on this issue. no meetings as outlined no discussion, no prior notice. no involvement by those directly affected. the vote was approved by a 68% margin with 60% needed to pass. (home owners get one vote each and rentals get a vote for each mail box plus the property owner)

we did have a neighborhood meeting after the vote on october 11 at EVP coffee. it was attended by alder konkell, mr. dryer, mr. winter and most of the residents of my block. i specifically asked my alder and traffic engineering where we were at with the process and how we would proceed. no one was able to give an accurate answer. alder konkell also stated she would investigate an appearant error in the number of ballots that were mailed before construction would proceed. mr. dryer told me that the issue was not on the agenda for the october meeting of the ped bike trans committee and nothing would happen until then.

i tried with no success over the last 2 weeks to get some kind of answer from alder konkel, and this morning much to my suprise i noticed white paint on the street in front of my house with "hump" next to it. after further investigation with one of my neighbor's that alder konkel will speak with or return emails this is a "done deal and going forward"

i plan on calling your office tuesday morning to discuss this further, and look forward to speaking with you. - or- you can try to reach me when you are available at 608 257 4110 home or 608 575 2825 mobile.

what i am seeking from you and the mayor's office is some relief so i can appeal my case before the humps are constructed. had traffic engineering and my alder been straight with me and my neighbors, this issue could have been resolved without involving the mayor's office.

i hope we still can.

thanks for your consideration of this issue.

john aagaard

1220 east mifflin.