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To: Stouder, Heather
Subject: Elderberry Neighborhood Planning

Hi Heather,

I live in the Elderberry Neighborhood and would like to convey my concerns to you and the planning commission. As the neighborhood continues to grow, the most obvious issue is traffic flow. Other issues are obviously critical as well but often less observable.

With the continued construction on the west end of Elderberry and on Bear Claw the traffic flow headed east on Elderberry is becoming dangerous. The increase in traffic is to be expected with the growth but the high speeds and recklessness can be avoided.

The Elderberry path to exit the community is the high traffic route because the other options are even worse. There is only one exit to the south (via Bear Claw) and the traffic light is ridiculously slow. Traffic on Mineral Point deters people from heading south because it is a very inefficient at Bear Claw and dangerous at other intersections to enter the traffic flow. To the north is only winding roads that take most people away from their goal, the belt line. So they are left with Elderberry Road.

This road has become a thoroughfare for commuters and construction vehicles. Even on Sundays with traffic from BlachHawk church the traffic becomes terrible. The small gap of farm fields between Fargo and Pleasant View makes people feel the need to accelerate quickly. On the opposite side of Little Bear we have another gap with farm fields. The traffic flow through this neighborhood is getting very dangerous.

While traffic on Pleasant View is posted at 35mph, the traffic on Elderberry is 45mph which only encourages the feeling of a rural road with no speed limits. The first sign for a reduced speed in the Elderberry Neighborhood is after you've already passed several houses. When leaving the neighborhood there is no "End Limit" signs. When people cross Fargo or turn onto Elderberry Road they immediately accelerate to 40+mph, if they weren't already at that speed between Little Bear and Fargo.

I'm convinced that a stop sign would be ineffective because of the driving displays as people turn from [Fargo](#). I would like to see speed humps installed at the edge of the neighborhood along with the two intersections. What is the best method for helping to influence this change?

Suggestions:

- 1) post Elderberry from Pleasant View at 30-35mph
- 2) post reduced speed before the neighborhood boundary
- 3) construct speed bumps/humps
- 4) increase police presence (M-F [7:00-8:00](#), noon, [5:00-6:00](#) and Sundays [at noon](#))

Thanks,
Jonathon Cornell