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Dear Committee Members,

Last summer you initiated a partial closure on Sherman Ave from Baldwin to Brearly St. The closure was needed and was greatly appreciated. I am hoping this closure will be reimplemented this spring and possibly, except for the winter months, permanently.

Sherman Ave continues to have an extremely high volume of users, both pedestrians and bicyclists. Users are both neighbors and community members as well as others who have discovered our street as a destination to enjoy and use. People of all ages eagerly make use of this street everyday.

Unfortunately, the removal of the barricades has caused increased traffic with many of the drivers not being responsible and respectful of the foot traffic and bicyclists. Speeding and unsafe actions put all users at risk. Despite both the 25 mph speed limit and speed bumps, traffic makes it dangerous for all the other users by their excessive speed and even using the opposite lane of traffic as a passing lane, needless to say, both illegal as well as dangerous. The 20 Is Plenty program that your committee is considering would be an appropriate complement to the Shared Street program on Sherman Ave.

Even when Covid is less of a health concern, Sherman Ave will continue to be an area of extremely high use and concentration of both pedestrians and bicyclists. A continued partial closure of this street continues to be imperative for the safety of our community and all its users.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my concerns.

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