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Subject: FW: 1300 Spaight St traffic calming
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From: [Ann Kovich](#)
Sent: Sunday, August 18, 2019 6:33 PM
To: [Michelle Martin](#) [Bill Jameson](#)
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Subject: RE: 1300 Spaight St traffic calming

Dear Ms. Martin. Thank you for your email, as the Transportation Commission (TC) values everyone's thoughts and feedback. We will place this email chain in the Legistar file for this item, as well as forward it to the other Commissioners. I have also forwarded your email to Chuck Kamp, Metro Transit General Manager, so Chuck can see your observations about "speeding" buses.

These comments reflect my personal recollections and summary. We had very extensive discussions about the Spaight Street Speed Humps, at the July 24th TC meeting and at the August 14th TC meeting. All but one Commissioner at the August 14th meeting also attended the meeting on July 24th. Commissioner who was not able to attend the meeting on the 24th (excused absence), indicated he had watched the video of the discussion on this item. Neighbors' concerns were noted and discussed, and emails were saved in the Legistar file for both meetings. Traffic safety is certainly a priority for the Transportation Commission, especially the safety of children, but in order to make the best decisions sometimes the Commission needs additional information.

Commissioners recognize and appreciate the neighborhood's desire for additional traffic calming measures; and they discussed various options regarding timing and alternatives before carefully considering the appropriate action.

Metro Transit brought forward a new report regarding the Route 3 on-time performance at the August 14th meeting (which is saved in Leg. File #56995). Serious concerns were expressed by Commissioners about the number of connections being missed, especially west-bound, and the negative impact on a large number of riders. Questions were also asked about the impact of speeds humps on the Route 3 performance.

As can be seen from the motions and amendments which were discussed at the August 14th TC meeting with regard to the Spaight Street Speed Humps, the TC is interested in continuing to review and carefully consider appropriate traffic calming measures for this street. When the additional requested information is received by the TC from Metro Transit and Traffic Engineering, the Spaight Street Speed Humps will be placed back on the TC agenda for further discussion.

Final motion, as agreed by the body on August 14th, was to delay the decision and construction of any speed humps on Spaight Street until the 2020 construction season; and in that time Metro will provide the Transportation Commission with strategies to improve on-time performance of Route 3

with the goal to reduce after pulse by 50%; and Metro will report on how speed humps would impact performance; and Traffic Engineering will evaluate other appropriate traffic calming measures, including but not limited to, a 4-way stop and street narrowing.

As noted by Tom Mohr in another email, the residents will not have to vote on speed humps again (as the wording was carefully chosen in the motion).

In response to your comment that the work has already been started, as noted by Yang Tao in another email, City Engineering's crew will seal the saw cuts for now.

Thanks,

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From: [Michelle Martin Bill Jameson](#)
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Subject: 1300 Spaight St traffic calming

Ms. Kovich,

Hi, I am a resident of the 1300 block of Spaight Street and a supporter of the proposed and funded and started speed bumps. This block really needs traffic calming measures as people frequently speed along here. I operate a childcare out of my home and have more than once feared for the safety of the children in my care because of traffic speed. There are also frequently people speeding along in the mornings as children walk and bike to the school on the very next block. Time and again I have seen the youth crossing guards unsure of how to safely get students across the street at the intersection of Baldwin and Dickinson because of the speed and volume of traffic at that intersection.

I understand this may have an impact of the timing of the Madison Metro busses, however I can tell you that the busses often speed along this street as well. If the busses can not make their appointed route without speeding to do so, the times need to be overhauled anyway.

I sincerely hope that the safety of children and other residents will outweigh any inconvenience in the bus timing.

Thank you,

Michelle Martin
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