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Hello,

I'd like to express my strong support for adding stop signs to Spaanem Avenue as listed in the agenda for the Transportation Commission. I live at 4912 Spaanem and fast driving cars is a big concern for me and my family. Cars consistently speed through our street at speeds well above the posted limit – I would guess at 40_ mph. We see a definite increase of this during the school year, when students (and parents) are driving to/from LaFollette and Sennett, usually concentrated around school hours. However, in the summer, the problem persists and goes at all hours of the day.

I have two young children and fear for their safety when we play in the front yard and driveway. We have no sidewalks and so my kids (and many neighbor kids) ride bikes on the side of the road. I cringe every time I see a fast car speeding by who does not see the biking kids (or walking pedestrians) until it is too late.

One incident occurred at our house in the winter a few years ago. Two teenagers were speeding south on Spaanem, from Allis, and hit an icy patch of snow – they slide across our neighbors yard, over two snowbanks, and collided with our huge maple tree. Luckily, no one was hurt and the drivers were able to leave unharmed. However, this is something I think could be prevented with speed control via stop signs.

Thank you for your time, Katie

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