

David Woosley

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Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2006 1:23 PM
To: David Woosley
Subject: Traffic control at Harvard & Sunset

Dear Mr. Woosley,

I spoke with both the City Manager and the Mayor this morning about the possibility of a stop sign at the intersection of Sunset Drive and Harvard road. They suggested I contact you about this matter.

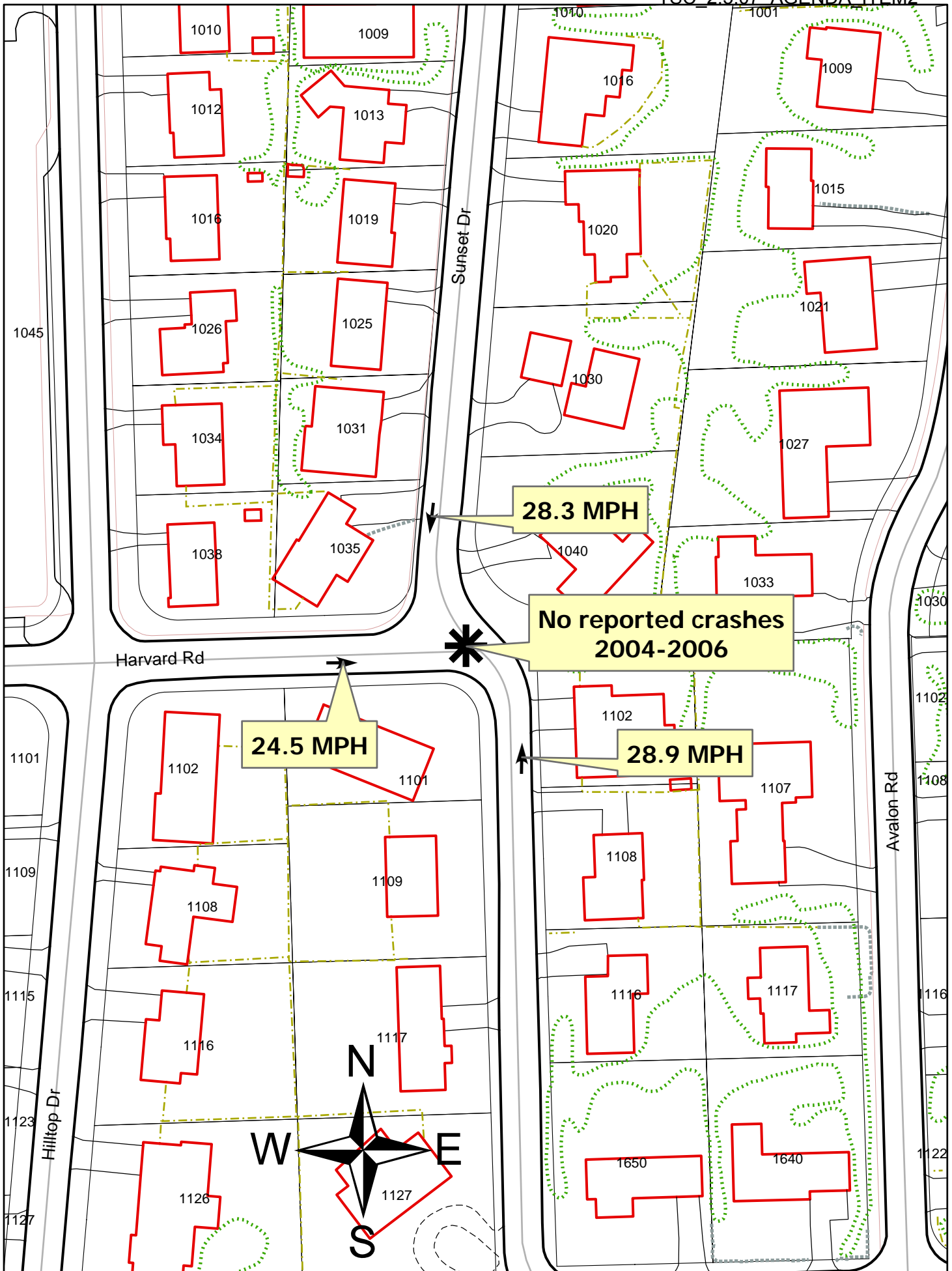
In case you are unfamiliar with this intersection, Harvard ends at the intersection, which is a block away from Hillcrest school. Many drivers are either confused by this unregulated intersection or just don't care about slowing down to navigate it. I have been run off the road several times on foot, bicycle and in my car by other motorists at this intersection. I often cross this intersection with my two children (as do many others in the neighborhood) and have had many close calls with cars speeding around the corner without slowing down. I know that the city is working on slowing down traffic in other residential neighborhoods...this particularly busy intersection could be tamed very easily by the placement of a stop sign, or perhaps even a yield sign.

Traffic here is a bit slower right now, but the traffic will get much worse when all the students come back from summer break. Please let me know what I can do to facilitate the placement of some traffic regulation at this problematic intersection.

Thank you,

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Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

Section 2B.05 STOP Sign Applications

Guidance:

STOP signs should be used if engineering judgment indicates that one or more of the following conditions exist:

- A. Intersection of a less important road with a main road where application of the normal right-of-way rule would not be expected to provide reasonable compliance with the law;
- B. Street entering a through highway or street;
- C. Unsignalized intersection in a signalized area; and/or
- D. High speeds, restricted view, or crash records indicate a need for control by the STOP sign.

Standard:

Because the potential for conflicting commands could create driver confusion, STOP signs shall not be installed at intersections where traffic control signals are installed and operating except as noted in Section 4D.01.

Portable or part-time STOP signs shall not be used except for emergency and temporary traffic control zone purposes.

Guidance:

STOP signs should not be used for speed control.

STOP signs should be installed in a manner that minimizes the numbers of vehicles having to stop. At intersections where a full stop is not necessary at all times, consideration should be given to using less restrictive measures such as YIELD signs (see Section 2B.08).