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Traffic Safety Commission P.O. Box 708 Lawrence, KS 66044

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you about my concerns with the street on the north side of my house. I live at 1800 New Hampshire Street, which is a corner house. The street, 18th Street, between New Hampshire and Baker is a wide street with family residents on both sides. The street is used by many non-residents to cut across to go to or from New Hampshire. These vehicles travel fast and most of the time never slows down around the corners. I and the person who car-pools with me have had several close calls with vehicles coming around the corner fast while we were getting out of the car (which was parked next to the curb). We have to be extra careful when pulling out of the driveway, due to vehicles coming fast around the New Hampshire Street and 18th Street corner. There are children that play in our neighbor which this type of vehicle behavior could prove dangerous.

In the pass, I had trouble with very large delivery trucks cutting through this street, and tearing down my electrical wires (the trucks are high and my lines are not as tall). This has not happen for awhile, since Dillons, and /or the street circles have forced them to change their routing.

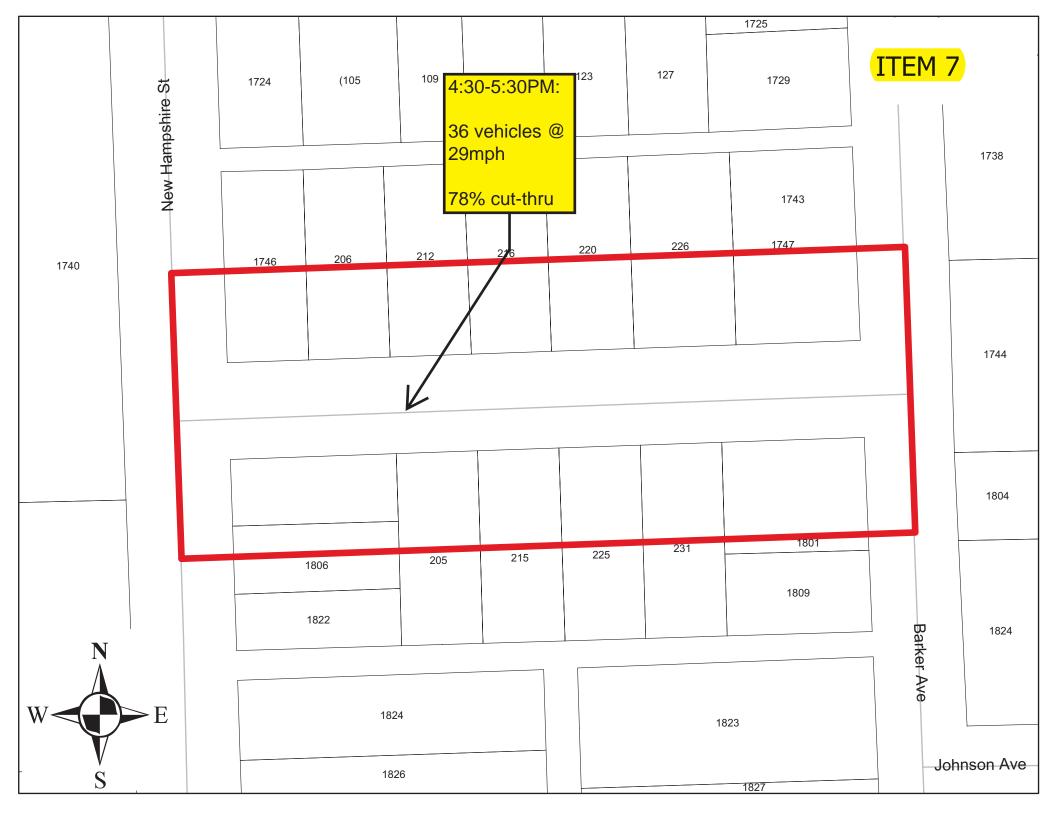
I would like to see the Traffic Commission do something to curve the speed down this street, such as putting speed bumps at the either end of the street or something of that nature.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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David Woosley

From:bob gent [vitroholic@gmail.com]Sent:Sunday, April 29, 2007 9:56 PMTo:David WoosleySubject:Traffic calming on 18th St

To the Traffic safety Commission,

I'm glad to hear that someone has suggested traffic calming measures for the section of 18th Street between New Hampshire and Barker, which runs by my house. Having seen the improvement made to Barker Avenue after traffic calming measures, I look forward to seeing what can be done on 18th. The island placed in front of my house did a lot to reduce the truck traffic coming and going from Dillon's , but it has made it so that the few trucks that do still leave there along 18th have to drive on my yard to negotiate the right turn onto Barker. My crude attempts to discourage that have been failures. I have long thought there would be some merit in closing one end of 18th, just to reduce the shortcut traffic, so nothing you suggest would be too extreme for me.

Another concern I'd like to express as long as I'm on the subject is the matter of the damage that the large trucks from Dillon's are doing to the yard directly behind their loading dock. For as long as I've lived here, trucks have been pulling out onto the yard there to position themselves for the dock. They managed to destroy the curb and leave that area trashed. I hoped things would improve after the city replaced the curbs, but to no avail. I finally went over with a camera and tape measure after one of the trucks pulled a full 25 feet into the yard, sinking in to its front chassis leaving huge ruts in the yard. I discovered that over the coupe of years since the curbs had been fixed, they had rutted up a full sixty feet of the easement between the street and the sidewalk. Is there any way to address this? I hear the manager tell that she's unable to get the truck drivers to stop doing it, perhaps the city can. I appreciate your looking into these matters, and regret that I will not be able to make it to the meeting to put in my comments in person.

Bob Gent

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