

David Cronin

Subject: FW: Forrest Avenue to Learnard Avenue Traffic Calming Request

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Zach,

Thanks for encouraging Forrest Avenue residents to comment on the traffic calming request. My wife Nancy and I live at 410 Forrest Ave with our two daughters age 7 and 14. We are in favor of some sort of traffic calming.

A 20 mph speed limit should be set, although I suspect it would be ignored by some drivers. A pair of speed humps, possibly with scary-looking jagged rocks painted on them, spaced to divide the block into thirds, similar to blocks between Barker and New Hampshire at 17th Terr and 18th st, or at least one speed hump halfway down the block would likely be effective.

I would not be in favor of blocking access to cars at one end or the other, or narrowing the right of way, which is already pretty narrow, and could interfere with occasional emergency vehicles.

Having lived on Forrest since the mid-1990's, we have often experienced the hazards of fast traffic between Barker and Learnard. We drive, but we also walk our dog and ride bicycles regularly. We appreciate a bike route sign posted just to the west of our property, but I estimate that excessive speed is still a problem with around 25 percent of the traffic.

We enjoy the neighborhood and the City's recent and ongoing improvements to Forrest and neighboring streets. We would welcome efforts to slow traffic without impeding it.

Thanks for your interest.

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