

Amanda Sahin

From: Paul Laird <kuvillancico@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 8:21 PM
To: Amanda Sahin
Subject: Monterey Way and possible traffic calming devices

Dear Ms. Sahin:

My wife and I live off of Monterey Way three blocks south of its intersection with 6th Street. We are quite opposed to adding traffic calming devices on Monterey Way, especially between 6th Street and the circle at Harvard. Monterey Way along that stretch is more or less a through street. It is true that there are neighborhoods off of it, but no driveways for homes directly off of Monterey Way between 6th and the circle. This is not like Harvard between Monterey Way and Wakarusa, where needed traffic calming devices were added a number of years ago. That is neighborhood street; Monterey Way is not in the stretch that I have mentioned, and there are not that many driveways off of it between the Harvard circle and Bob Billings.

We drive this road several times per day, and we drive the speed limit. If people are speeding, let the police patrol Monterey Way more and pass out the necessary tickets to teach people a lesson. Please don't make us slow down to 10 or 15 mph several times as we drive to Bob Billings Drive so that we can drive over several monstrosities and avoid damaging our cars!

Sincerely,

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From: The Rews <kanga@sunflower.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 03, 2017 11:28 AM
To: Amanda Sahin
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Subject: Traffic calming request

My husband and I are not able to attend the meeting on Mon. Dec. 4. Here are our thoughts. To us the traffic calming devices really don't make any difference. I also travel on Harvard Rd and I am going to be honest, I don't slow down going through those. I just go in the middle. The same thing on Folks Rd. Either people go over them or they go around them. We are near 60 yrs of age and have lived in the neighborhood since 1984 two houses up from 12th and Monterey Way. The younger crowd do it a lot more that we do. We live right by the round-a-bout on Monterey Way and drivers zoom through that also. I think it would also be a little bit dangerous to put a traffic calming device on Monterey Way since we were told it was an arterial street. The constant slowing and speeding up is sure to cause an accident among inattentive drivers. The least expensive way to slow traffic down would be to lower the speed limit from 35 to 30 mph. Most people, I included, usually go up to 5 mph over the speed limit. So with that in mind the speeding rate would be reduced from 40 to 35 mph (with the new posted speed at 30 mph).

I am also not in favor of a stop sign at 12th or 13th Street. I live off of 12th street and when we have snow at any amount it is very difficult to get up 12th Street. I know it is a small grade but I always have to have a good running start to round the corner and get up the slight grade. If there was a stop sign there I would have to run it to get up the incline. The city does not plow 12th or 13th Street soon enough to avoid that scenario. Sometimes even Monterey Way is not cleared soon enough. There is already a stop sign on 12th and 13th coming out of our neighborhoods. Just because stop signs are installed along Monterey Way it won't stop the inattentive driver. Pedestrians still will need to pay attention crossing the street in a crosswalk. They can't depend on cars stopping for them. I feel a crosswalk on Monterey Way would convey a false sense of security. Most people assume drivers will stop and we have seen otherwise. Too many drivers are immersed in their stereos, phones, kids, navigational devices, etc... to fully pay attention to the road. The stop signs WILL get run and hopefully no one is in the crosswalk at that time. A good solution to keep traffic moving but address the safety of crossing Monterey Way would be to install a pedestrian activated stop light like the one on Peterson Rd, near Deerfield school.

If residents are concerned about balls from the park, how about a chain link fence. It would also protect the children in the park from crossing Monterey Way off the soccer field at any time, chasing a ball or not. However, I know that is an expense in both upkeep time and installation time but it might be cheaper than a calming device. If a ball goes into the street, no one is going to walk to the crosswalk and cross the street. They will go the shortest way which is directly across. This would be the most common reason to enter the street and no stop sign or pedestrian crosswalk will change that scenario. We have never seen a ball go across the street at the 12th street intersection for as long as we have lived here.

If you are concerned about construction vehicles, put up signs stating no heavy vehicles allowed on Monterey Way. Re-route them to go down Kasold or Wakarusa. Then no damage to Harvard round-a-bout or Monterey pavement would come from these heavier vehicles.

When you are heading south along Monterey Way and want to turn into Dad Perry Park, there is no blindspot on Monterey Way. 12th Street is directly across from that and I turn onto Monterey Way every day. Heading north there is also a clear path.

My solution to this situation would be a chain link fence and a pedestrian activated crosswalk light along with lowering the speed limit 5 mph. This would be the least intrusion into an arterial street.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to call 842-6289 evenings or stop by- we're friendly!

Dan and Teresa Rew