

Amanda Sahin

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Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2018 9:53 AM
To: Amanda Sahin
Cc: Chris Haufler; Marsha Haufler; Sandy Malik; Bob Bechtel; Joleen Bechtel
Subject: Monterey Way

Dear Ms. Sahin,

We are next door neighbors of Chris and Marsha Haufler and across from Sandy Malik. Unfortunately, we are unable to attend the meeting on July 9th concerning traffic calming on Monterey Way due to another commitment. We would, however, like to give you our thoughts on the situation and ask that it be passed on to the council.

The study your department conducted on speed, as we were told last winter, averaged 44 mph which is 10 mph over the speed limit. This means there had to be some people going at least 50 or more. What we don't know is when you conducted the study to determine pedestrian traffic as your most recent communication states there is not enough pedestrian traffic. We are hoping that study was done in the fall or spring, and during the morning and evening hours and not the afternoon. The pedestrian traffic varies a lot depending on those factors. Having lived here 25 years, we are quite aware of the park being used a lot for family reunions, KU student get togethers, volleyball games, as well as lacrosse teams, ultimate frisbee and soccer. However, none of this occurs during the heat of summer or the cold of winter, as I am sure you know.

There are more people needing access than your council seems to take into account and realize. The cul-de-sacs (3 of them) have 5-6 homes trying to get access, the private circle street on the west side, where there are 11 homes, has no outlet other than Monterey and the apartment buildings on the east side, north of the roundabout have no other access to get out other than Monterey. If you consider all of those apartments, about 10, I believe, with 4 households in each building as well as the population of houses already mentioned, you are talking about a lot of traffic trying to access Monterey as their only way out. Add to that the private driveways including a day care, a home for the disabled as well as other houses.

I know that a stop sign with crosswalk markings would be the least expensive and the quickest option. It is important, however it is done, that something is done. We seem to have semi's trying to navigate the small roundabout, cars passing other cars going the speed limit and with the work being done on Kasold, it is becoming more of a problem than when we saw you in January. If nothing else put in pavement marking a solid stripe to keep people from passing and put pavement marking a couple of crosswalks. Since you feel there is not enough pedestrian traffic, at least think of those of us who do walk along Monterey and give us a crosswalk to use, even if you don't put in a sign or an island.

We have a new neighbor who just moved last week into the 3rd house down from Monterey on Tiffany Drive. When I met them, one of the first things they asked was, "Is Monterey always this busy with speeders and trucks?".

It is a nightmare and a tragedy waiting to happen, every day, but especially from 7-9 AM and 3-6 in the evening.

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