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To: <RJBAUMA@MILWAUKEE.GOV>
Date: 9/13/2006 7:50:06 AM
Subject: Traffic Calming

Speed Humps

Bob,

I wanted to give you my feedback on the speed humps on McKinley Blvd. I bought a home on McKinley about a year ago. When we moved in I was amazed at how the stop signs and speed limits on the blvd. were ignored and the safety issue that existed. I think the speed humps have made a positive difference in the amount of traffic on McKinley. It could be that people "cutting through" don't like to have to slow down so they avoid the blvd now. It could be something else but it seems like there is less traffic now. I would like to see the every-other-block pattern continued through to 35th St. and I think the area would be a safer place trafficwise.

The only question about the speed humps that comes to my mind is how they will impact the response of police/fire vehicles.

Thanks for the effort.

Pat Godin
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From: "James" <JTOMPKINS@WI.RR.COM>
To: <rjbauma@milwaukee.gov>
Date: 9/9/2006 6:43:01 AM
Subject: Fw: Traffic Calming Measures

Speed Humps

I will try this again.

— Original Message —

From: James
To: RJBAUMA@MILWAUKEE.GOV
Sent: Saturday, September 09, 2006 6:35 AM
Subject: Fw: Traffic Calming Measures

— Original Message —

From: James
To: RJBAUMA@MILWAUKEE.E.GOV
Sent: Saturday, September 09, 2006 6:22 AM
Subject: Traffic Calming Measures

Alderman Bauman,

Thank you so much for working on this issue, this has been a great help to the effected blocks on McKinley Blvd. The worries of car parts falling, noise and people racing over the speed burns, have been unfounded. We have noticed much less traffic in general and the cars cutting through from the gas station on 35th, have stopped coming all the way through. People do however slow down until they pass 31st street, then fly the rest of the way to 35th.

It is unfortunate that we did not have these much earlier as it may have helped slow down other activities in the neighborhood, at this point we want to move out of the area. There have been several other crime related issues that lead us to that decision. We have now dropped the listing price on our house to \$40,000 below the city assessment and are still not having any luck. We have had people look and make statements regarding how great the house is, but the neighborhood is really bad. We may be stuck for some time or take a much larger loss, so again we greatly appreciate the speed bumps.

We wish continued success to the neighborhood and the city of Milwaukee, as there are many obstacles you will need to overcome to reach your goals.

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*Camilla Meyers.
 1327 N. 28th St. Very stopped with speed
 humps*

*Bue Hanel
 2827 W Mc Kinley; 342-8262
 Thanks for speed bumps*

*Buanna Gonzales 1238 N. 34th St.
 Likes them - 344-0974*

Michael J. Madson
Owner, Colorwheel Painting, LLC
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Speed humps

September 10, 2006

City Hall Room 205
200 E. Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

RE: Traffic Calming Measures


Dear Alderman Bauman

Thank you for the notice regarding the speed humps installed in the neighborhood. I was pleasantly surprised to find them roughly a week ago. I would love to see more of these installed in this neighborhood!

My only concern is the exact placement of these humps in correlation to the start and stop points on the street. I find that many people 'gun it' right off the stop point, and excel right up to the hump, which is situated toward the slowing point for the stop anyhow. While mean no insult if these have been placed based on traffic control studies, but to me at least, it seems they would benefit these streets further by being placed more to the middle of each road section.

Other than that, I believe these are excellent measures, and I sincerely hope your legislation is approved. As a young owner occupant in this community, I continually await measures to improve this area so close to downtown and traditions like Harley and Miller Brewing.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Madson

From: "maureenmc" <maureenmc@mymailstation.com>
To: <RJBAUMA@MILWAUKEE.GOV>
Date: 9/22/2006 12:22:49 PM
Subject: speed humps

thank you for the installation of the speed humps along mckinley blvd.--they are very helpful--maureen and jerry

From: "Paul Anders" <anders.paul@sbcglobal.net>
To: "Robert Bauman" <RJBAUMA@milwaukee.gov>
Date: 9/22/2006 2:58:10 PM
Subject: RE: Speed bumps in Cold Spring Park neighborhood: Juneau Avenue

Hi Bob,

Count me in.

Paul Anders

-----Original Message-----

From: Robert Bauman [mailto:RJBAUMA@milwaukee.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2006 11:26 AM
To: anders.paul@sbcglobal.net
Subject: RE: Speed bumps in Cold Spring Park neighborhood: Juneau Avenue

I too would be willing to pay for calming measures. Perhaps you would be willing to testify when the time arrives.

Bob Bauman

>>> "Paul Anders" <anders.paul@sbcglobal.net> 9/21/2006 11:16 AM >>>
Thanks, Bob,

I for one would be willing to shoulder the cost of the speed bumps to make our neighborhood safer. I think it is just a matter of time before one of our speeders/stop sign jumpers kills or seriously injures someone.

What is the situation with putting planters in the middle of the intersections. I have seen these on Kenwood Blvd just west of UW-M. They seem to be an effective way to slow drivers down. I am not sure what they do in winter for snowplowing however.

Good luck with the negotiations. I hope you can win over some of those other aldermen.

Paul Anders

-----Original Message-----

From: Robert Bauman [mailto:RJBAUMA@milwaukee.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2006 5:01 PM
To: anders.paul@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Re: Speed bumps in Cold Spring Park neighborhood: Juneau Avenue

Thanks for the email. The McKinley speed humps are a demonstration. More speed humps will have to wait for an ordinance we are now drafting. I can say that several aldermen do not support these measures. There are many bureaucrats who do not like this idea. There will be a debate.

If we do approve a speed hump program the installations will be assessable public improvements like alleys, sidewalks and street reconstruction which means abutting property owners will pay part of the cost. This is the only way this can fly financially since we expect many requests and the cost is not insubstantial.

Bob Bauman

>>> "Paul Anders" <anders.paul@sbcglobal.net> 9/20/2006 12:38 PM >>>
Hi Bob,

I am very happy to hear that you are taking the initiative to implement the speed bumps. We have been suggesting doing something like that on Juneau Avenue for about 20 years now. All we have ever gotten is excuses why the city could not do such a thing, e.g. it would be detrimental to emergency vehicles and snow plowing. The best we were able to get was a stop sign at a "T" intersection at 31st and Juneau Avenue that many drivers simply ignore. We have a couple irresponsible drivers who seem to enjoy driving through that stop sign as fast as they can. Because there are no cross streets between 29th Street and 33rd Street on Juneau Avenue there is a long stretch of road that some people treat as their personal drag strip. One day I was crossing Juneau Avenue near the stop sign to get to my car across the street and found myself in the middle of the street with a car coming at me after it had run the stop sign. Fortunately the driver was considerate enough to stop before he got to me and I did not have to try to decide which direction to leap to get out of his way. Stop signs are not the answer for people who do not respect them.

I would like to see two speed bumps on Juneau Avenue between 29th Street and 33rd Street: one just west of 30th Street and one just west of 31st Street. If this were done, I think it would be OK to remove the stop signs on Juneau Avenue at the intersection with 31st Street. Since the speed bumps would assure that cars would have to drive slowly, the stop signs would no longer be necessary. However, the stop sign on 31st Street at Juneau Avenue should be retained.

I think removing some of the stop signs on streets with speed bumps would be a good idea. On McKinley Blvd between 27th Street and 35th Street there are 4-way stop signs at every intersection. Driving east or west along McKinley can be very aggravating. I can see where the frequent stops might cause people to ignore some of the signs in order to get to their destinations in the neighborhood and contribute to their apathy concerning other stop signs. Having stop signs at every other intersection along with the speed bumps would be a reasonable compromise in my opinion.

Please keep me informed about developments in this area and let me know if there is anything I can do to help with the implementation of speed bumps on Juneau Avenue.

Keep up the good work!

Paul Anders
3108 W. Juneau Avenue









