

30 August 2022

To Whom It May Concern,

We would like to request that all 3 blocks of South Humphrey Avenue between Garfiled and Roosevelt be assessed for a cohesive plan to reduce speeding and increase safety for our community.

There have been a variety of incidents over the last few years such as gunfire, home, garage and car break ins and car part theft. A child on S Lyman Ave. was hit by a car. There is speeding of fatal speeds that occur on a daily basis.

I have spoken with neighbors on South Lyman and South Taylor who have had the same concerns. Please look at our neighborhood and create a long term plan to make it safer.

Petitions for South Humphrey @ Garfiled were already submitted and on file. The intent was for us to submit all blocks petitions together.

Thank you for your service.

Best regards,



Leah Fluecke

█ S. Humphrey Ave.

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Dear Village Staff,

We, the undersigned residents of the three blocks of Humphrey Avenue south of the Eisenhower, have a number of concerns related to traffic on our street and its impingement on our quality of life, and we request that the Village take measures to ameliorate the situation.

Our street is used frequently as a bypass option for Austin Boulevard as nonresidents seek a faster route to their destination. As such, we experience a higher volume of traffic than our neighbors to the west. Many of the cars on our street travel faster than the speed limit; many of them do not come to a full stop at the stop signs; not infrequently, trash is tossed from these cars onto our street. And while it is rare, we have experienced violent behavior from drivers who darted into the Village from neighboring municipalities. Obviously, these speeding vehicles are a threat to our children, our elderly, our pets, and our wildlife. In general, the high volume of drivers who speed, who disregard the law, and who disrespect our neighborhood diminish the quality for residents of Humphrey Avenue.

We applaud the Village for prioritizing quality-of-life issues and trying to protect and maintain safe, community-oriented microneighborhoods. We realize that modern life comes with risks and not every problem can be fixed, but we feel that our location as the first street in from the city should not doom us to a quality of life distinctly inferior to that of our neighbors to the west, and we believe that there are steps that could be taken to limit the negative impact of the traffic. We respectfully ask the Village to address our concerns and discuss solutions for this vexing problem.

Sincerely,

Leah Fluecke, [REDACTED] S. Humphrey

Glynis Kinnan, [REDACTED] S. Humphrey

I'd like to share my account of an incident that occurred at the intersection of S Humphrey and Harvard St about a year and a half ago that was influential in the block signing the petition for traffic controls.

I was driving south on Humphrey and came to a full stop at the stop sign at Harvard. Just as I was pulling into the intersection to turn east toward my house/garage, a car just blew through the stop sign heading west on Harvard. I was already in motion pulling into the intersection and honked my horn as I slammed on the brakes. The other car just drove through. The car that blew the stop sign had turned illegally off of South Austin heading west on Harvard.

So you might ask, why is this significant? Well, after I honked at the car and I proceeded east on Harvard, the driver stopped, got out of his vehicle and fired 2 shots from a handgun at me. He drove away, and I called 911. I know this is not the typical interaction, but it is emblematic of the attitude of the drivers who cut through our neighborhood in order to save time or avoid traffic on Austin and Roosevelt.

I have dozens of videos from home security cameras showing cars who treat the stop signs at Humphrey and Harvard as optional. Most of the time the infractions occur during the times when kids are headed to or from school, or when neighborhood residents are exercising or walking their dogs. These speeding drivers are a danger to anyone using the street to jog, bike or simply cross the street with their family or dog. Something needs to be done to slow the speed of traffic, deter people from cutting through off of Austin and Roosevelt, and enforce the stop signs.

David Wachtel

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