

Public Comment

Rollins Road Traffic Calming

Regarding the check box on the provided form: *I do NOT support most of the traffic calming projects I have seen implemented in Columbia.*

My wife and I have lived at the corner of Rollins Road and Sunset Drive since 1991. Traffic has increased virtually everywhere in that period. The increase at our corner has been gradual and I do not view it as a recent problem. On two occasions (that I know of first hand), drivers that were probably impaired, speeding, or both left Rollins, crossed the sidewalk and ended up nosing into the steep slope in the drainage easement between our yard and the road. Trees and brush (I doubt if good driving deserves credit) prevented the cars from continuing down another ten feet or so to the bottom of the easement.

From our property, we frequently see and hear vehicles traveling well over the posted 25 miles per hour speed limit and see many run the STOP signs (3-Way) at our corner. These violations of posted signage occur at all hours of the day and night. The traffic flows both ways on Rollins and the section of Sunset that intersects West Boulevard across from St. Andrew's Lutheran Church carries most of the traffic beyond the end of Rollins where it intersects Sunset.

Since there are STOP signs at the Intersection at our corner, drivers that do not stop are breaking existing laws. Since there 25 mph speed limit signs on both Sunset Drive and Rollins Road, drivers that are going faster are breaking existing laws. Even though school busses stop across from our house and even though the 'un-calm' traffic is a recognized problem I do not remember ever seeing a Police presence near our corner devoted to enforcing existing traffic laws.

As I think of traffic calming measures that have been implemented in Columbia I will mention three examples that I think range from terrible to OK. Starting with the worst, I think the 'improvements' made to Manor Drive between Rollins Road and Broadway are terrible. The many visible tire scrapes on the curb attest to the unnecessary problem drivers have navigating the intentionally unfriendly route. The added reflective posts seem to add insult without preventing injury. This design seems to have the goal of reducing, rather than calming, traffic. While it is probably effective in slowing down vehicles, it certainly doesn't calm drivers.

The recent work done on Stewart Road is simpler, but still unsatisfactory in my opinion. The plan there is very inconsistent. The posted speed limit remains 30 mph. The cautionary signs for the humps recommend 20 mph. The humps themselves seem to be engineered for a speed well below 20. When I drive Stewart Road, I am constantly varying my speed between about 15 mph and 30 mph. This is mechanically inefficient and psychologically frustrating.

My third and most acceptable example is Kelsey Drive between Lake of the Woods Road and Shamrock Drive on the far east side of Columbia. The posted speed is 25 mph. The speed bump cautionary signs recommend 25 mph (one says 20 mph). Crossing the bumps at the recommended speed is definitely bumpy, but does not seem likely to cause mechanical damage to the vehicle or stimulate frustration in the law-abiding motorist.

All of the traffic calming ideas discussed are aimed at interfering with driver's ability to get from one place to another by making the roadway more difficult to travel. My fourth option, which was more or

less rejected when I mentioned it at the meeting at Russell Boulevard Elementary School is to actively enforce existing traffic laws. Law enforcement presence and substantial fines, especially for repeat offenders, would provide benefits for public safety without interfering with traffic capacity. Additionally it would contribute to instilling in the driving public a sense of responsibility to obey existing laws.

If the proposals under consideration for calming traffic on Rollins Road are anything like the ones recently implemented on Stewart Road or Manor Drive I will be adamantly opposed to making the changes. If the plan eventually proposed is more like the one on Kelsey Drive, my position will fall somewhere between passive disapproval and luke-warm support. I strongly support enforcing existing laws.

Thank you.

C. Leon Krueger 2017.09.14
C. Leon Krueger Date

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Jacob Ray <jacob.ray@como.gov>

Fwd: [PubW]: Rollins Road Traffic Calming

1 message

Mindy Barnes <mindy.barnes@como.gov>

Tue, Sep 12, 2017 at 8:46 AM

To: Jacob Ray <Jacob.Ray@como.gov>

Hi Jake,

The following was received on the PubW e-mail this morning.

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----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Michelle Windmoeller** <michelle.windmoeller@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Sep 12, 2017 at 8:39 AM
Subject: [PubW]: Rollins Road Traffic Calming
To: pubw@como.gov

I support traffic calming installation on Rollins Road with some exceptions.

Bulbouts

My first preference would be to see bulbouts installed at the intersections of Rockcreek/Rollins as well as Colgate/Rollins to slow traffic going up and down the hill. I also think bulbouts would be beneficial at College Park/ Rollins and Russell/Rollins to increase safety for children crossing the street to go to school.

Speed tables/humps

I have been reading about speed tables/humps and have concerns about those being installed. Sound is amplified in this valley and the noise those speed tables create could be considerable.

I am also concerned about the angle of the street and what that would be like for cars to hit speed tables while traveling too fast down hill. Could that create a larger safety issue?

For these reasons I do not support the installation of speed tables/humps on this road.

Other ideas

An idea I would be interesting in seeing at these intersections is painted crosswalks and a center line to break up the visual emptiness of the road and bollards to see if future funding for bulbout is warranted.

Thank you

--
Michelle Windmoeller
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PO Box 6015
Columbia, MO 65205

Comments may also be faxed to... **(573) 449-9641**
or forwarded via E-mail to... **pubw@CoMo.gov**
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Comments: Appears that traffic humps would be the most effective calming measure for our unique neighborhood (i.e. 6 roads intersecting with W. Rollins in a 3 block stretch, steep graded hills with S curves at the top of each hill). Would be helpful to have humps installed halfway down each hill and before the forks going east on Rollins Rd. from Maplewood. The humps would need to be as high as the ones on Stewart Rd. to be effective and the use of some reflective paint used to highlight the hump.

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** The personal information requested below is not required and could be made available to the public.

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Comments: *Jacob, thank you for conducting a most informative meeting concerning traffic calming on Rollins Road. The information that you presented during our meeting at Russell Elementary was both sad and filled with hope of making our neighborhood safer. As indicated above, I am in support of doing something to get people to*

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Signature: *Steve Sheriff*

Steve Sheriff

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Columbia

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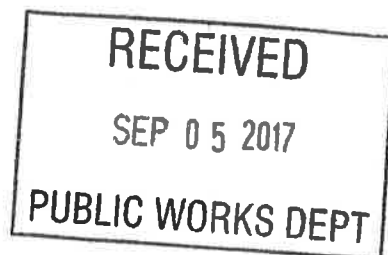
slow down on Rollins. However, Rollins is not the only problem in our neighborhood. Westridge Drive, at least from North Circle to Rollins, also has people driving at higher than posted speeds. This problem is especially bad on the hill descending to Rollins. We have a number of families in this stretch of Westridge with young children (less than 5 years old). My fear is that one of these families will have a child injured or worse by one of these speeders. Westridge is a location where an accident of major consequences, like occurred on Rollins, is waiting to happen. Please consider Westridge Drive in your plans for traffic calming. Thank you again for your help to this matter.

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Comments:

Several considerations

- Definitely keep the little bridge*
- Special considerations for the S-curve at Maplewood*
- I live toward the bottom of the Westridge hill at Rollins. Traffic speeds up Westridge*

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from Rollins

- Also, it's very difficult when roads are snow- or ice- packed to get up the hills on Rollins going in either direction from Westridge. Any traffic-calming measures should take winter weather challenges into account.

- No roundabouts, please!

City engineers are the experts, so I expect you'll use your expertise to come up with a good plan that takes into account comments from the neighborhoods.

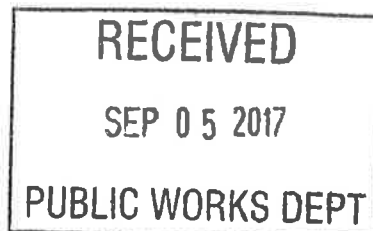
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Comments: *My preference would be for speed humps. What ever device is installed, I hope it won't jeopardize Rollins Road's status as a "major arterial" for snow removal.*

I think it's unrealistic to expect more surveillance by law enforcement on Rollins Rd as long as the police department has a shortage of officers -

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Comments:

I'd support: lowering the speed limit on Rollins (+ whole neighborhood!) to 20mph. Also, a stop sign at Rollins + Westridge, And speed humps work if the speed limit is lower.

Unrelated, I cross Broadway on Foot a lot and would like speed limit reduced to 25 or 30 mph.

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Lindsey

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Comments:

I would like to see moderate traffic calming measures installed. Speed humps on Rollins at the bottoms of the large hills would be best. It would be good to put one in at Westridge and Rollins near the bridge at the bottom of the hill. A traffic circle might also be helpful at this location to slow down traffic on both roads. Speed humps need to be similar in size to those on Stewart if used. It is not fair to our neighborhood that Stewart recieved large speed humps while ours on college park are now almost non-existent. Let's make sure this does not happen on Rollins.

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Comments: We live at the corner of Rollins and Westridge Dr., and I can really only speak to the traffic that comes up and down the hill between Sunset and Maplewood. Cars definitely go much, much too fast down that hill, from both directions, and being at the bottom, I worry about the safety of my daughter who likes to play in our yard. I am in favor of speed humps, at least one on each side of the bridge, going down and coming back up the hill. However, even better, I think, might be a traffic circle at the intersection with Westridge. This would slow people down when they'd be at their fastest speed, at the bottom. This would also help with the issue of people turning onto Westridge going way too fast, and

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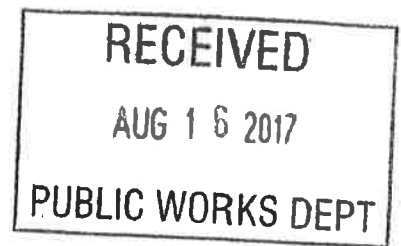
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the issue of people not stopping at the stop sign on their way down Westridge, both of which we've been having issues with. Any of the other methods that were mentioned at the meeting for this section of road seem like they would impede Rollins serving as a bicycle path, something that we definitely don't want to do (bulb-outs would interfere with the cyclists). Unless there is a way to add a bike lane to one side of the bulb-out or other road-narrowing methods, I don't think those would work. A traffic circle, also, would need to be able to accommodate bikes.



August 15, 2017

Mr. Jacob Ray P.E.
Public Works Department
City of Columbia
PO Box 6015
Columbia, MO. 65205-6015

Dear Mr. Ray,

This is in regard to the Rollins Road Traffic Calming. I live on Rollins Road and I see no need for any traffic calming procedures like speed bumps that have been installed on Stewart Road.

Since the early spring closure of Rollins Road for the new culvert construction at Rock Creek the amount of traffic has greatly lessened. People just found other ways besides using Rollins Road. Those have made the number of cars using our street to be greatly reduced. Sometimes five or more minutes will elapse with no cars at all.

Other things to consider are a speed bump would endanger bike riders who zoom down the rather steep hill in front of my home. I can see a rider losing control of his or her bike and crashing. They would become airborne and lose control. So in closing I see no problems with Rollins Road and the so called speeding cars. I have noted carefully that out of 100 cars only one or two would deserve a speeding ticket. Most drivers who use our street are careful drivers and any speed bumps would just annoy the heck out of them.

I will be at the meeting on August 23rd and look forward to expressing my views in no uncertain terms.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael R. Lawler".

Michael R. Lawler
2001 W. Rollins Rd.
Columbia, MO. 446-8545

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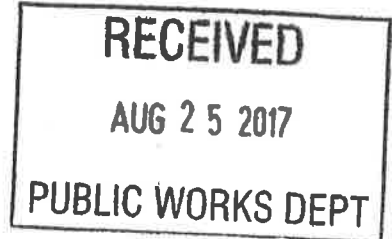
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IS NOW MUCH LESS. I WANT A RE-COUNT AS I THINK IT
IS 1/2 THAT NUMBER. ALSO AVG. SPEED IS NOW
AROUND 30 MPH
SEE MY NOTES ATTACHED.

OVER

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Signature: Michael R Lawler

LAWLER

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STADIUM BLVD

W. ROLLINS RD



WIDEN TO
ALLOW CARS TO
MAKE RIGHT HAND
TURN

TRAFFIC DOES BACK UP AT TIMES BECAUSE
THERE IS NOT ENOUGH ROOM FOR A CAR
BEHIND CAR # 1 TO MAKE A RIGHT HAND
TURN FROM ROLLINS TO N. BOUND
STADIUM.

SOLUTION

WIDEN THE INTERSECTION AS SHOWN
BY SHADED AREA

1. Since the closure of W. Rollins Rd for three months earlier this year many people found other routes to get to where they were going. These new driving habits has greatly decreased the number of cars on W. Rollins Road

2. Some times as long as five to six minutes elapses with no cars.

3. Of say 100 cars only one or two can be travelling too fast most drivers are safely under the speed limit.

4. Why penalize the vast majority of drivers with speed bumps when they are not needed and surely not wanted by local residents

HUMPS

5. Say a ten year old little school girl from Russell is riding her new bicycle down Rollins Road on a rain slicked morning . She has a back pack on with her school books inside. She hits a speed bump and loses control and crashes her new bike; just then a motorist sees her but it is too late and the little girl gets seriously injured or dies!

This would be the ultimate tragedy and reason enough to not put any speed bumps on W. Rollins Road.

Just forget about this idea as it is not needed, not wanted not to mention the cost involved.

MIKE LAWLER
2001 W. ROLLINS Rd
446-8545

1,363 ADT. TOO HIGH?
Speed 38 MPH.



Jacob Ray <jacob.ray@como.gov>

Re: [PubW]: Rollins Road Traffic Calming

1 message

Rebekah Kirkpatrick <rebekah.kirkpatrick@como.gov>

Mon, Aug 28, 2017 at 8:50 AM

To: H Jacobson <hkjinwv@yahoo.com>

Bcc: Jacob.Ray@como.gov

Hello,

Thank you for your comments regarding this project. They have been forwarded to Jake Ray, traffic engineering supervisor. If you have further questions or comments, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you,

Rebekah Kirkpatrick, CTA

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***Please note my new email address: rebekah.kirkpatrick@como.gov**

On Sat, Aug 26, 2017 at 10:58 AM, 'H Jacobson' via PubW <pubw@como.gov> wrote:

Dear Mr. Ray:

Thank you for your excellent presentation to the public this past Wednesday. It was clear and complete, and thank you for your willingness to patiently respond to questions.

I STRONGLY support the installation of calming on Rollins Rd.

We live near Rockcreek and Rollins. Traffic down the hill regularly exceeds 40 miles an hour, and occasionally people go close to 60. If you doubt this, please leave a monitor out for a two week period.

Our concern is that, wrongly placed, traffic calming may interfere with snow plowing, and might even cause the loss of control of a car, if the car is traveling at a high rate of speed, and the driver is unaware. I wonder if near the bottom of the hill, near the culvert, might be a relatively safe and effective place to install a speed bump or table. Another option might be a pedestrian island at the top of the hill, at College Park. That intersection can sometimes be difficult to cross.

I look forward to attending the next presentation, and seeing what plans you devise.

Finally, it has been a very long time since we have seen any police presence in the area. I support our police, and know they are stretched very thin. However, I think stationing an officer in the area at random times would easily pay for itself in tickets.

Regards,

H. Knute Jacobson
711 East Rockcreek



Jacob Ray <jacob.ray@como.gov>

Re: [PubW]: Rollins Calming Project

1 message

Rebekah Kirkpatrick <rebekah.kirkpatrick@como.gov>
To: mary kaye doyle <marykayedoyle307@gmail.com>
Bcc: Jacob.Ray@como.gov

Mon, Aug 28, 2017 at 8:47 AM

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On Sat, Aug 26, 2017 at 4:29 PM, mary kaye doyle <marykayedoyle307@gmail.com> wrote:

Jacob, I was in attendance at the PI meeting on August 23 for Rollins Rd Calming.. Thank you for the information. I believe that the project should be widened a bit. Two other streets were identified as needing calming. I believe that all should be done together. That would include Westridge and Sunset along with Rollins Rd. As those streets intersect Rollins and I believe that it would provide much more calming when done as a group than done separately. I know it will cost more but I believe that it will enhance the results greatly. Thank you for considering this. Mary Kaye Doyle,307 Maplewood 65203.



Jacob Ray <jacob.ray@como.gov>

Fwd: Rollins Rd. Speed humps

2 messages

Maggy Danley <maggydanley@mac.com>

Fri, Aug 25, 2017 at 2:50 PM

To: Jacob Ray <Jacob.Ray@como.gov>

Ian Thomas is my councilperson. I sent an idea to him, he expanded it, and I'm now forwarding it to you.

Thanks for efforts to make Columbia a safer place to drive
M

MaggyDanley
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Ian Thomas <ian@ianfor4th.com>
Date: August 25, 2017 at 2:31:57 PM CDT
To: Maggy Danley <maggydanley@mac.com>
Subject: Re: Rollins Rd. Speed humps

Hi Maggy:

I really like this idea.

In fact, I would go further and suggest we put a "raised crosswalk" (a combination of a speed hump and crosswalk, with lots of signage/paint) at both ends of each School Zone. I think this would do a lot to encourage more walking/biking to school which, in turn, would reduce traffic and increase safety around school.

Russell Blvd. Elementary School is in the study area for the Rollins Rd. traffic calming project, so it might be a great place to pilot the idea. Would you be willing to send this suggestion to Jacob Ray <Jacob.Ray@como.gov>, who is managing the traffic calming project, so he includes it in the public input. It would count for more coming from you rather than me.

Cheers, Ian

From: Maggy Danley <maggydanley@mac.com>
Date: Thursday, August 24, 2017 at 4:44 PM
To: Ian Thomas <ian@ianfor4th.com>
Subject: Rollins Rd. Speed humps

I missed the opportunity for input at the meeting, but I do have an opinion.

I have used Stewart Rd since the humps were put in. I never did drive down the road at a high rate of speed, but now, to have to slow to 15 just for the hump...well, I just use Broadway. I don't think the intent was to overload Broadway, it was simply to slow down the traffic on Stewart.

I use Rollins often, and I rarely see a great deal of speeding, perhaps it happens at other times. But if humps were put in, Again, I'd just use Broadway if the humps were as extreme as the ones on Stewart.

But here is where I could get behind slowing traffic--how about putting a Stewart Rd type hump at each end of **all** the school zones? That's a place where a hump could really contribute to safety.

Thanks!

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Maggy,

Thanks for providing your suggestion. I will make sure that it is included in with the rest of the public comments we have received and will hopefully be receiving.

If you have any other thoughts or suggestions, feel free to let me know. We will be accepting public comments until September 15th.

Thanks.

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