



Public Comment Form Bray Avenue Traffic Calming

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 Public Works, Engineering Division
 City of Columbia
 P.O. Box 6015
 Columbia, MO 65205

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(Be sure to include "Bray Avenue" in the subject line)

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I completely understand residents of Bray Avenue wanting to reduce traffic on the road to make it more safe to back out of their drive ways, safety for their children, and reduced noise, I am not certain that numerous speed humps and intersection speed tables are the solution.

I would suggest that after living in the area for over 27 years and using Bray on a daily basis, the solution may be to raise the awareness to the speeding situation for all people in the neighborhood. Perhaps signs, street markings, crosswalks, and choking devices would be a reasonable first approach to solving the problem. I don't think that we need to jump all the way to a highest stage of calming devices.

I am aware of only one accident recently on Bray which was an elderly person hitting a parked car. I think this is a pretty good record for a street as highly traveled as Bray is.

Please consider this cautious approach to the Bray situation and look for a graduated and reasonable approach rather than rushing to judgment and elevation to drastic measures. If nothing else this will save the City money. If in two years, more drastic measures are needed, then take that action then. The neighborhood has not increased in number+

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

Name Ann Borgmeyer Email motig16@aol.com

Mailing address 3817 Dublin Avenue

City Columbia State MO Zip 65203

Signature _____



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Thank you for allowing us to comment on the situation related to Bray Avenue and traffic calming devices. First I would like to say that I agree completely with comments provided in December 2020 from Brandon Slama and from Judge Robert Aulgur. They provided thoughtful and reasonable comments that conveyed a graduated response to the situation rather than rushing to the highest stages of calming devices.

I have lived in the neighborhood for 27 years. During that time, I can say that I use Bray Avenue daily. Many others in the neighborhood do also. During that time frame I have not seen any substantial traffic incidents occurring on Bray. The only risk I feel is turning onto Fairview and even there, I am not aware of many or perhaps any incidents during the 27 years.

I want to solve the problem that residents on Bray have regarding noise, backing out of their driveways and general safety issues. But I don't think that adding 5 types of humps in the road is the solution. I encourage a graduated approach to the issue. Let's let the neighborhood know safety is an issue with signs. Why not alert motorists to be considerate of their neighbors backing out of their driveways and slow down to help them out via signs? Perhaps cross walks at key intersections to make people more alert? Road markings or choking devices along the road? Don't rush **+**

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Name Les Borgmeyer Email les.borgmeyer@gmail.com

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City Columbia State MO Zip 65203

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Andrew Briedwell <andrew.briedwell@como.gov>

Questions regarding Bray Avenue calming plan

4 messages

Leslie Borgmeyer <lgborgmeyer@cougars.ccis.edu>

Wed, Jun 23, 2021 at 10:47 PM

To: pubw@como.gov, andrew.briedwell@como.gov

Cc: ward4@como.gov

My wife and I are very concerned about the number of calming devices planned for this very short length of road. Would you let me know where there is an example in the city of the number of calming devices such as planned for Bray Avenue? I have not been able to find anywhere that would have such a concentration.

Having lived in the area on Dublin avenue for 27-years we are very concerned about the safety for everyone in the area. We are now interested in understanding the need for such intensity of traffic calming devices. Has there been a rash of accidents on Bray Avenue recently? How was this level of calming developed?

Would you let us know of other similar examples so that we may research areas before we make our final comments prior to the deadline of June 25th.

Some other questions for consideration:

1. Are there other traffic calming alternatives to these speed bumps and speed tables?
2. How many people have petitioned for traffic calming devices?
3. Would a completed sidewalk on the north side of Bray to Fairview help in safety issues?
4. Will the introduction of these measures increase traffic on other streets in the area as motorists avoid Bray and the concentration of calming devices?
5. You indicate this plan was developed with input from people between November 30 and Dec 11, 2020. Would it be possible to know the number of people involved and where may we see the comments from this meeting?

We appreciate trying to make our neighborhood safe for everyone. We want to make sure that there is no rush to find an easy solution that may cause more trouble in the long-term.

Thanks,
Les and Ann Borgmeyer
3817 Dublin Avenue

Les Borgmeyer <les.borgmeyer@gmail.com>

Wed, Jun 23, 2021 at 10:51 PM

To: pubw@como.gov, andrew.briedwell@como.gov

Cc: ward4@como.gov

I accidentally sent the following email from my school email. Please reply to my regular email:

les.borgmeyer@gmail.com

Thank you for your consideration.

Les and Ann

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Andrew Briedwell <andrew.briedwell@como.gov>

Thu, Jun 24, 2021 at 10:51 AM

To: Les Borgmeyer <les.borgmeyer@gmail.com>

Les and Ann,

Thank you for reaching out regarding the Bray Avenue Traffic Calming project. Here are a few examples of recently completed projects which include speed humps spaced similarly to what has been proposed for Bray Avenue:

<https://www.como.gov/publicworks/holly-calming/>

<https://www.como.gov/publicworks/wp-content/uploads/sites/28/2019/02/Speed-Humps-Final.pdf>

There has been one crash reported on Bray Avenue in the last few years. However, crashes occur randomly, and one of the best ways to address crashes is to make systemic changes to the transportation network. The objective is bring operating speeds closer to the posted speed limit of 25 mph. At 25 mph, the chances of a pedestrian and vehicle crash resulting in serious injury or death is greatly reduced. In general, speed hump/speed table spacing should be around 400 to 500 feet to provide consistent operating speeds on the roadway. The spacing on Bray Avenue is about 475 ft. between each device due to driveway arrangements and intersecting streets.

1. There are alternatives to speed humps. These can be found in our [Traffic Calming Guidebook](#).
2. There were 11 people who signed the petition for traffic calming. This meets our threshold of ten people. Most petitions do not have many more than ten people because this number meets the minimum requirement for entrance into the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program, and begins the process to pursue a project for traffic calming.
3. Completion of the sidewalk network on the north side of Bray would be beneficial. However, this is outside the scope of the traffic calming project. The objective of our traffic calming program is to lower operating speeds on neighborhood streets to reduce the risk of fatalities or serious injuries when crashes do occur. Vehicle operating speeds along Bray are consistently around 42 mph. At these speeds, any crash between a vehicle and a pedestrian would be likely to result in a serious injury or death to the pedestrian.
4. There may be some increased traffic to other streets in the neighborhood, but this would be expected to be minimal due to the layout of the neighborhood and the fact most traffic is local. If there is a significant change to traffic patterns, this could be addressed with a future project.
5. We received comments from about 21 people during the first Interested Parties Meeting, and I have attached those comments to this email. Letters inviting the public to participate in the first IP meeting were sent to the same residents who were sent letters for the second IP meeting, and a press release was sent out notifying the public of both meetings.

Please contact me if you have additional questions or comments on this project.

Thanks,
Andrew Briedwell, P.E.
Traffic Engineer
Public Works Department
City of Columbia - Missouri
(573) 874-7265

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Les Borgmeyer <les.borgmeyer@gmail.com>
To: Andrew Briedwell <andrew.briedwell@como.gov>

Thu, Jun 24, 2021 at 3:56 PM

Andrew,
Thank you for such a quick response to my letter. We will review everything and provid public comment by 6/25/21.
Have a good weekend and thanks again.
Les

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My wife and I have lived off Bray Ct on Dublin Ave for 28 years and drive Bray Ave daily. We've not seen a much of speeding problem on Bray and definitely not Bray Ct. If there is, it's likely just during morning and evening commutes. The most notable change has been increased pedestrians accessing the Scotts Branch Trail, especially at the Cunningham and Weaver intersections. A better solution would to install pedestrian cross walks at those intersections and also repair/improve sidewalks to reduce pedestrians walking within the street.

We also believe the placement of the proposed five (5) structures to be excessive for the type of neighborhood collector (not a through street) and the street length. See the additional comments section.

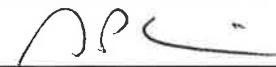
We do not support the proposed solution, however would be receptive to "safety flashing" cross walks for pedestrian at the intersections of Cunningham and Weaver to access the trail.

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Name Gregg and Claudia Coffin Email greggc60@gmail.com

Mailing address 4001 Dublin Ave

City Columbia State MO Zip 65203

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Additional Comments

Placing five (5) traffic slowing structures is excessive for this road length and type for the following reasons:

- 1) Bray is a subdivision collector and not a through street, traffic on this road is only the residents and any associated service providers.
- 2) The proposed five structures on about a 0.6 to 0.7 mile stretch will be too close to each other, about 0.12 miles spacing. The placement of these type of speed humps on other through streets, like West Stewart and Rollins, have spacing of 0.2 to 0.25 miles.
- 3) Bray Ave has hills creating natural blind spots, the speed humps could potential increase risk of vehicle incidents if not correctly placed for visibility.
- 4) As neighborhood collector, Bray Ave has a fair amount of street parking, unlike most through streets. This helps somewhat regulate speed and flow.
- 5) Most people hate driving over these structures and avoid if another route is possible. These restrictive road structures (five in about 0.7 miles) will result in the unintended consequences by diverting traffic to other neighborhood collector streets, such as Cunningham and Jake Lane. This will just create traffic and safety issues in other locations.



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Markings that allow for safer pedestrian use is what we want e.g. bike lanes. Other options that also allow for more landscaping would be great. There are a lot of dog walkers and bike riders around here and a lot of sidewalk gaps.

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

Name Jose and Jessica Caldera Email jessicapcaldera@gmail.com

Mailing address 1415 Subella Dr

City Columbia State Missouri Zip 65203

Signature _____



Andrew Briedwell <andrew.briedwell@como.gov>

Fwd: [PubW]: Bray avenue traffic calming ideas

1 message

Dana Sample <Dana.Sample@como.gov>
To: Andrew Briedwell <andrew.briedwell@como.gov>

Tue, Jun 1, 2021 at 7:57 AM

Andrew,

Please see the comments below regarding Bray Ave.

Thank you,
Dana Sample, CTA
Sr. Administrative Support Assistant / HR Liaison
City of Columbia, Public Works Department
[701 E Broadway, 3rd Floor](#)
[Columbia, MO 65201](#)
[573-874-2489](#)
Dana.Sample@como.gov

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From: **Jessica Caldera** <jessicapcaldera@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, May 30, 2021 at 12:50 PM
Subject: [PubW]: Bray avenue traffic calming ideas
To: <pubw@como.gov>

I used to be the land use attorney for the City and given that most of Planning department lives over here, including Tim Teddy and Clint Smith it would be good to ask them. In a nutshell we need more protections for pedestrians. There are a ton of sidewalk gaps in this Ward and Bray has major ones. However, there are also a lot of walkers and bikers here. I recommend bike lanes and markings that allow for pedestrian use of the street. Additionally, because of the nature sanctuary, options that allow for landscape or shade are better than features that are just more concrete. I trust your expert opinion.

Jose and Jessica Caldera

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Andrew Briedwell <andrew.briedwell@como.gov>

Fwd: [PubW]: Bray Avenue Traffic Calming

1 message

Dana Sample <Dana.Sample@como.gov>
To: Andrew Briedwell <andrew.briedwell@como.gov>

Mon, Jun 14, 2021 at 9:11 AM

Andrew,

Please see the Bray Ave comment below.

Thank you,
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Sr. Administrative Support Assistant / HR Liaison
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From: **Wendell Coonce** <wendellcoonce@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jun 14, 2021 at 9:09 AM
Subject: [PubW]: Bray Avenue Traffic Calming
To: <pubw@como.gov>

Fully support the traffic calming project for Bray Ave.

Wendell Coonce
[3211 Bray Avenue](#)
[Columbia MO 65203](#)
[573.268.0684](tel:573.268.0684)
wendellcoonce@gmail.com



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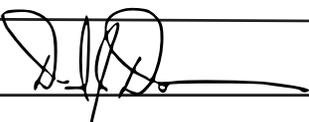
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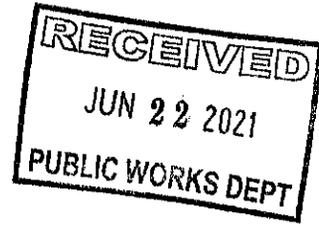
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While I support traffic calming efforts on my street, something needs to be done to reduce vehicle speeds while also not creating problems like increased noise or interfering with access to side streets or private driveways. Few home owners will want a speed hump/table at the entrance to their driveways or in front of their homes on a quiet residential street. Has research been conducted that demonstrates the effects of an installation of a speed hump/table on the property values of the residences most immediately impacted?

As was mentioned in the first round of public input, the amount of traffic on Bray Avenue is concerning. The number of vehicles using the street seems to be far in excess of the neighborhood residences in the University Park subdivision. It appears that Bray Avenue and Cunningham Road are being used as through-traffic routes to access other subdivisions in the area. Bray Avenue and Cunningham Road were not designed to support a volume of through-traffic. The amount of traffic currently observed on Bray Avenue creates an unsafe condition for residents, especially children. Options to prevent through-traffic should be explored by the city during this traffic calming process, which might include partial or full closures of certain intersections.

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Name David J. Downs Email _____
Mailing address 3109 Bray Ave
City Columbia State Missouri Zip 65203
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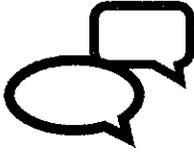
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Name James Erickson Email itsjasbo@gmail.com

Mailing address 3019 Bray Avenue

City Columbia State MO Zip 65203

Signature *James R. Erickson*



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Additional Comments

I have lived on Bray avenue for 30 years. I have requested enforcement of the 25mph speed limit for years. I know the police department does not have resources to enforce the speed limit. When the police department put up the radar speed monitor I saw people speed up not slow down. The only viable answer are speed bumps. At least 5 sets of speed bumps will be needed to slow traffic. Fairview school is very close to Bray avenue and the safety of our children will be enhanced with speed bumps. Please do the right thing and get it done!



Andrew Briedwell <andrew.briedwell@como.gov>

Bray Avenue

1 message

Brandon Gibson <brandon.gibson@graybar.com>

Mon, Jun 21, 2021 at 6:45 PM

To: "pubw@CoMo.gov" <pubw@como.gov>, "andrew.briedwell@CoMo.gov" <andrew.briedwell@como.gov>

Cc: "mayor@CoMo.gov" <mayor@como.gov>, "ward4@CoMo.gov" <ward4@como.gov>

Hello Andrew,

As a born and raised Columbia kid, now 43, former City of Columbia employee of 14 years, **my message is to leave Bray Ave. the way it is.** This is a ridiculous waste of money, tax payer, grant funded or not! Every neighborhood in Columbia and any City I've ever been in, hardly anyone goes the speed limit and every time some traffic calming procedures are tried it is **NOT effective.**

Case somewhat in point, the roundabout at Fairview and Rollins! People don't yield, they speed thru and it's hell for anyone with Large Vehicles & Trailers.

Further West on Rollins, there are several speed mounds & folks zip between them. Anything short of constant Police presence is a total waste of time & money!!!!!!

They need to give Columbia employee's RAISE's!!!! Cost of Living too!!

Best regards & health,

Brandon GibsonMrbdgibson@Gmail.com

3810 Dublin Ave.

Columbia, MO 65203



Andrew Briedwell <andrew.briedwell@como.gov>

Fwd: [PubW]: Traffic Calming on Bray Ave.

1 message

Dana Sample <Dana.Sample@como.gov>
To: Andrew Briedwell <andrew.briedwell@como.gov>

Fri, Jun 25, 2021 at 10:49 AM

Hi Andrew,

Please see the email below regarding Bray Ave.

Thanks,
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From: **Glenda Hardin** <glendahardin@igrealestate.com>
Date: Fri, Jun 25, 2021 at 10:46 AM
Subject: [PubW]: Traffic Calming on Bray Ave.
To: <pubw@como.gov>

Public Works Department:

I am very much against the use of speed bumps in our neighborhood.

I have lived in this neighborhood since 2007 and have never been aware of an accident on this street. I feel additional speed signs and or electronic devices recording speeds would be a better option. Have there been accidents that I am not aware of?

Why would this neighborhood street need a number of speed bumps. As a business owner, I travel our city streets all the time and can't remember any connector street having any more than one or two speed bumps in **very** high traffic areas.

I am not in favor of numerous speed bumps in our neighborhood. In fact, I don't feel we need any. I feel there are other options available and this is a costly, unnecessary option for the city.

I am in favor of keeping our neighborhood safe. If this plan was developed from input from our neighborhood, I would appreciate knowing the number of people who came up with this idea and where they live in the neighborhood.

I live at 3504 Bray Ave., and the number of bumps being proposed would be unnecessary and an aggravation in traveling to my home numerous times a day. If this proposal takes place, you will find more traffic going to the side streets and increasing the traffic to those neighborhoods.

I hope this can be discussed and not rushed into. I feel there are other solutions available.

Sincerely,

Glenda Hardin
3504 Bray Ave.
573-881-7464



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We've lived in this neighborhood for 30 years and walk daily and see no need for the calming devices on Bray.

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Name Scott & Hazel Keel Email _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signature _____



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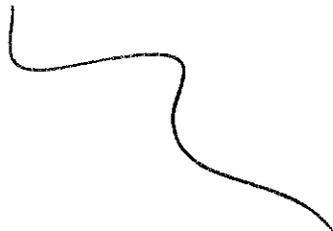
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Name James E. Lee Email _____

Mailing address 3906 Dublin AV

City Columbia State MO Zip 65203

Signature James E. Lee



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Been a home owner 20 years on Bray & this has been needed since we moved in. We raised our children here and they were not allowed in the yard or driveway anywhere near Bray without our direct supervision due to the traffic on Bray. We live at the corner of Jake/Bray. I have witnessed speeding anywhere from 40-70+ MPH. We set on our decks most nights and just watch in disbelief as cars fly by. All ages are speeding not just young drivers. It is truly amazing to watch these people turn off Fairview road and just floor it and fly by our home with no regard for us or our neighbors childrens safety. My guess is that if you went from home to home on Bray you would here the same stories over and over. Seen one lady driving so fast as she tried to make the corner at our house on Jake, she ran thru the neighbors yard over his mailbox, thru the edge of our yard and hit our neighbors home at 1204 Jake Lane.

This is a fantastic neighborhood and this calming project would be the most important improvement this neighborhood has ever had.

If there is anything we can do to make this project come to fruition, please contact me. We and our neighbors have been begging for this for years.

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

Name Robert J Muchow Email rmuchow@aepartners.com

Mailing address 1200 Jake lane

City Columbia State MO Zip 65203

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Columbia, MO 65205

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(Be sure to include "Bray Avenue" in the subject line)

Please check one:

- I support traffic calming being installed on Bray Avenue.*
- Traffic calming wouldn't bother me if it were implemented.*
- I do NOT support traffic calming being installed on Bray Avenue.*

Comments *(additional space for more comments on the following page)*

I think both the speed tables and the speed bumps are very well placed for the way traffic moves on this street. Thank you!

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

Name Kathleen Slane Email _____

Mailing address 3201 Bray Ave.

City Columbia State MO Zip 65203

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I live at 1225 Jake Lane. We already experience high traffic from vehicles taking a short cut to Cunningham. If Bray traffic is "calmed", drivers will simply cut through to Cunningham off Bray using Jake Lane. Jake is the only other cut through for drivers avoiding the stop sign at Fairview and Chapel Hill. Drivers have also figured out that they can bypass Bray when traveling south on Fairview and take Middlebush, then they do a rolling stop at Jake and speed to Cunningham then to Chapel Hill. There's no "calming" solution without affecting other streets in the subdivision.

Speed bumps might reduce traffic in the subdivision some but they alone won't deter drivers completely. Speed bumps plus speed limit reduction to 20 mph along Bray and Jake and other streets might do the trick. But, Como drivers know that speed/traffic enforcement in Como is non-existent. That is the bigger issue.

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Name Roger Stone Email rks32779@gmail.com

Mailing address 1225 Jake Lane

City Columbia State MO Zip 65203

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Andrew Briedwell <andrew.briedwell@como.gov>

Fwd: [PubW]: Bray Avenue Traffic Calming

1 message

Dana Sample <Dana.Sample@como.gov>
To: Andrew Briedwell <andrew.briedwell@como.gov>

Thu, Jun 24, 2021 at 9:06 AM

Andrew,

Please see comments below regarding Bray Ave.

Thanks,

Dana Sample, CTA

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From: **MICHAEL WHITWORTH** <ready2cruze@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Jun 24, 2021 at 7:58 AM

Subject: [PubW]: Bray Avenue Traffic Calming

To: <pubw@como.gov>

Dear Friends!!

I think the suggestions for traffic calming on Bray are good ones to improve the safety of our neighborhood. Michael Whitworth, 3009 Bray Ave.