
Traffic Calming on Shepard Blvd and Audubon

Sherry Wyatt <sherrywyattrn@gmail.com>

Thu, Aug 18, 2022 at 3:42 PM

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Cc: Sherry Wyatt <sherrywyattrn@gmail.com>, Kim Hickey <kimhickey12@gmail.com>, Beth Pike <bpike@socket.net>

August 18, 2022

Mr. Andrew Briedwell – Project Manager

City of Columbia – Columbia Missouri

Dear Mr. Briedwell,

I am writing on behalf of the Shepard Neighborhood Association about the Traffic Calming Proposal for Shepard Boulevard and Audubon Drive.

Ballots about the City of Columbia's proposal were delivered via Facebook, email and by paper ballots. 386 households received ballots to ensure neighbors were able to voice their opinions on the proposal.

Here are the results of voting:

Total number of responses: 228 ballots were received and counted by the Executive Board of the Shepard Neighborhood association for a participation rate of **59%**.

No votes: 144 ballots - **63%**

Yes votes: 84 ballots - **37%**

Interesting statistics:

1) 49 households that are directly on Audubon (south of Shepard) and along Shepard, had the following response to the proposal

No votes: 17 (35%)

Yes votes: 32 (65%)

2) 22 households would have voted yes if there were not as many barriers

We appreciate the effort you and your team have extended toward addressing the neighborhood concerns about traffic and traffic speeds through our neighborhood.

However, the neighbors have clearly said the scope of the project is too expansive to support.

The neighbors may entertain a significantly scaled down proposal in the future, but this proposal is not supported .

Regards,

Sherry Wyatt, Shepard Neighborhood Chair
on behalf of the Shepard Neighborhood Association

Public Comment Form

Audubon Drive and Shepard Boulevard Traffic Calming

We would appreciate hearing your thoughts about this project. Please write legibly, include your complete mailing address, and sign your comment form.

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Public Works Department
City of Columbia
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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We are accepting comments until June 24, 2022. Thank you for your input!

Comments:

I live on Shepard Blvd and I happy that these calming efforts are being developed. I have reviewed the plans and believe that these will be an effective way to improve traffic in the neighborhood. I am glad to see the stop sign at Danforth and Shepard would be removed.

I am pleased that you are making an effort to make the areas around the school safer for the children.

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Debbie Briedwell

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I definitely support these measures to prevent speeding on Audubon and Shepard. My only issue is that people already speed down Meadow Lark Ln and Falcon in order to avoid the main roads. This will only get worse when more people do this to avoid the preventative measures. I would also like to see speed humps installed on Meadow Lark Lane.

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There needs to be a crosswalk on the East side of the intersection of Danforth and Shepard Blvd, esp if you take out the stop signs.

Children must cross there on the way to school since there is only sidewalk on the South side of Shepard

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Signature: Rob Humfeld

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As a resident of the Shepard neighborhood, with school-aged children, I am highly supportive of the proposed traffic calming improvements. Having walked with our kids to school, we have observed problematic driving at the corner of Audubon and Shepard (speeding and non-compliance with stop-sign), as well as the Shepard crosswalk at the top of Buck's Run (not yielding right of way to pedestrians). I feel that the proposed amendments are an appropriate way to deal with some of these issues to protect safety of local residents.

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Comments:

See attached comments

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Jim Muench

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Comments

Please do not pursue the proposed elaborate traffic-calming project for Shepard Boulevard and Audubon Drive, which would spend about \$50,000 to \$60,000 to add five bulbouts, eight speed humps and two speed tables to the two main streets in the neighborhood. These devices, designed to curb speeding, debatably may or may not make pedestrians safer, but they will certainly make the neighborhood less safe for drivers and passengers, many of whom are schoolchildren headed to and from school. My wife and I are adamantly opposed to the plan.

The bulbouts, which are basically small concrete chicanes that narrow the street by about 10 feet, are the absolute worst part of the plan. They will mess up the current bike lanes and make the road less safe for cars and school buses, which will have to pass each other in opposite directions with only a few feet to spare. There have been no accidents on either street since at least 1989, when we moved to the neighborhood, and the city's own study records zero accidents during the three years each street was monitored. Now that cars will be regularly taking on school buses head on at the bulbouts, we should certainly expect more chilling collisions.

Meanwhile, speed humps and the larger speed tables are the car- and spine-damaging artificial bumps of asphalt that force the driver to either slow down or risk losing their transmission or spinal cord. The city wants to line both streets with them at a rate of about one per block. They will not only damage cars but also spoil the streets for bicycles, skateboards and scooters.

The plan amounts to expensive overkill, spending tens of thousands of taxpayer dollars to solve a minimal problem at worst, and there is no maintenance plan for these monstrous hunks of concrete and asphalt that will degrade over time and wreak havoc on vehicles and snowplows.

Don't fall for the traffic-calming chicanery, much of which has been tried before on Audubon and in other parts of the city and hasn't worked. The Shepard neighborhood is safe and walkable as it stands right now. Why turn these two main streets into obstacle courses?

The project has not yet been discussed by the Shepard Neighborhood Association, which should at least survey the neighborhood to see if a majority wants it. At present, there is a small, vocal group within the neighborhood advocating for it, but another group that is just as adamant in opposition. My wife and I believe the project will actually make the situation less safe and constitute a misuse of taxpayer dollars.

Jim and Fran Muench

2711 Mallard Court

Fwd: [PubW]: Audubon Drive and Shepard Boulevard Traffic Calming comments

1 message

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

Tue, Jun 14, 2022 at 4:26 PM

Andrew,

Please see the email below regarding Audubon and Shepard.

Thanks,

Dana Sample, CTA

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From: **Joseph Muscato** <jmuscato@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Jun 14, 2022 at 3:59 PM

Subject: [PubW]: Audubon Drive and Shepard Boulevard Traffic Calming comments

To: <pubw@como.gov>

Dear sir:

I attended the very thorough meeting at City Hall on June 8 and appreciated Mr. Briedwell's thorough description of traffic calming options.

It appears that the biggest issues are the risks of speeding traffic to children going to and from Shepard School. The consensus appears to be that Audubon is a worse problem than Shepard, although we didn't have enough of a quorum of the Shepard neighborhood to be sure.

I personally think that there will be a negative impact every day on the residents of the Shepard Neighborhood from speed bumps or speed tables. It appears that other measures, such as islands, have their own problems, such as upkeep and speeding after passing the island unless they are in sequence. I would suggest, in order, the following options:

1. No change from the current situation.
2. If one thing could be done, a speed table at Audubon and South Azalea.

3. If two would then be mandatory to prevent speedups, a second speed table or speed hump further north on Audubon.
4. If absolutely necessary, a speed table at Audubon and Shepard, although whether that would actually help things at that corner is not clear to me.

I would certainly not put a speed hump on Audubon north of Shepard- that is not a through street and I am not aware of a huge problem there. (I live on that street.)

In terms of Shepard, this is a much wider street (and therefore probably more speeding), risks to children are somewhat less because they tend to stick to the sidewalks more and are less tempted to cross the wider street. There is also a sidewalk only on one side, leading children to walk on the side with the sidewalk. Therefore,

1. I would not do anything to Shepard at this time. It could always be reassessed in the future.
2. I would certainly not put any speed bumps or speed tables on Audubon north of Shepard. This street is not heavily trafficked, has a curve at the end which slows one down and is on a steep hill. In the winter we are plowed last and getting up that hill would even be more treacherous with a speed table or bump.
3. Audubon between Stadium and Shepard seems to be a concern to many and while one could wait, the plan you have outlined for that street is not unreasonable.

Thanks.

Joseph J Muscato, MD
607 Randy Ln
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Comments:

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So, this would greatly affect my vehicle along with many others. We already have to deal with the City's lack of response and resources when it comes to fixing potholes in the road, lets not add to it.

Which brings me to my next point... maintenance. Who is going to maintain the speedbumps? How often? Whats the cost?

Next issue is emergency response such as fire trucks, police, and ambulances. We DO NOT want to delay response time! Also, think of a severely injured person in the back of an ambulance getting jostled

around thanks to all of the neighborhoods speed bumps. Lets also think about all the kids getting jostled around everyday on the school buses. Lastly, they are hideous! The neighborhood just spent some of the budget

creating a more beautiful entry way into the neighborhood. Why downgrade it with trailer park speed bumps.

Traffic calming can be controlled in a more cost-effective way through the use of speed limit flashing

police officer to patrol the area for a little while. Speedbumps have great negative impacts with very little reward.

Fwd: [PubW]: audobon drive and shepard boulevard traffic calming

1 message

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

Thu, Jul 21, 2022 at 7:46 AM

Andrew,

Please see the email below regarding Aubudon and Shepard Blvd.

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From: **Carolyn S** <cstannards9@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Jul 20, 2022 at 9:15 PM
Subject: [PubW]: audobon drive and shepard boulevard traffic calming
To: <Pubw@como.gov>

To Whom It May concern,
did not realize we could only comment until June 24.
Just sending in a brief concern: since it has been so HOT I have not been thinking about the winter...
In winter, Audubon that heads toward Raintree is not plowed very quickly...hence we have to get a running start to make it up the hill ... the other direction is also not plowed and gets icy since there is a section which does not get much sun.
We think that a speed table at Raintree will make it dangerous in snow for cars to make it out of the neighborhood...
thanks

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Carolyn Stannard

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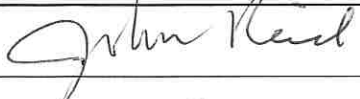
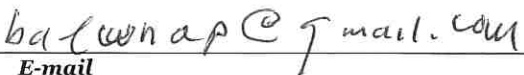


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Regarding traffic calming devices on Shepard Boulevard

Question: Has anyone been injured or suffered property damage by drivers not following stopping at the Shepard-Danforth intersection?

The number of people who are not following basic stop signs and 25 mph speed limits is a minority. The number of people who drive responsibly is in the majority. We need to be reminded of that fact.

A raised intersection at Shepard-Danforth would be overkill to change the behavior of drivers.

Speed bumps would destroy the beauty of Shepard. Stewart Road is an example of how bad it would be if speed bumps were added. They absolutely destroyed the beauty of that neighborhood. Additionally, our 3 block area from Danforth to Audubon is too short to have a speed bump.

The new refinished entry has had a calming effect on our traffic. Please do not undertake drastic measures.



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Comments:

i support the calming features plan and speed bumps!
I live on Shepard and watch people driving over
30 mph and more especially during pre school + post
and driving to work times!! Other times I've
seen young people going 45-50, no stop sign!!

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Name: Meredith J. Donaldson E-mail: mjdonsn@gmail.com

Mailing Address: 1001 Pleasant Run Dr. City: Columbia State: MO Zip: 65201

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Comments: Shepard Blvd was recently Repaved between Panfirth + Old 63. Why bother to make a smooth surface + then engineer a convex pot hole? It would cost far less to delay maintenance.

To a degree to do a poll of the whole neighborhood
No accidents? No need for change.

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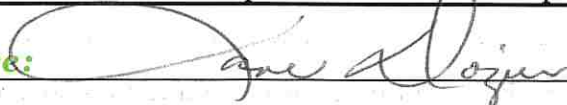
Comments:

We are unable to attend the public forum. We have reviewed and support the Audubon Drive and Shepard Blvd Traffic Calming plan as presented in the published documents. Our house is on the corner of Falcon and Shepard. We see, first hand, the excessive speed of vehicles (private, business & city) on Shepard and the failure to completely stop at the Danforth/Shepard sign. City snow plows are included in this negligent driving behavior. Thank you.

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David & Jane Dozier

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without traffic studies on Meadow Lark
Falcon, Pheasant Run and Bob O Link, the
city does not know the increase in drive through
traffic that this will cause. If our goal is safety
for children + adults walking side walks from
old 63 to Stadium is the only solution. The
non both sides
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City should also keep tree branches from blocking signage related to speed limits and crosswalk. They should also remove any branches that prevent drivers from turning safely and property owners with such trees do not have a decision. These trees are a hazard and should be removed, period.

Having children walking in bike lanes where snow melts and freezes is dangerous!

I personally witnessed children falling twice. They had on tennis shoes so walking in yards was not an option due to snow.

Also, why can we not get some enforcement of our 25mph speed limit? Why doesn't the city give speeding tickets anymore?

I don't disagree that speeding is an issue, there are just better ways to reduce this than speed bumps.