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Fwd: [PubW]: Speed calming

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Cindy Rueger <cindy.rueger@como.gov> Tue, Dec 6, 2022 at 11:23 AM
To: Andrew Briedwell <andrew.briedwell@como.gov>
Cc: Shane Creech <shane.creech@como.gov>, Allison Anderson <Allison.Anderson@como.gov>

Hello Andrew,

Please see the comments made by a citizen via PubW@CoMo.gov

Thank you

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From: **'david gold' via PubW** <pubw@como.gov>
Date: Tue, Dec 6, 2022 at 10:58 AM
Subject: [PubW]: Speed calming
To: PubW@CoMo.gov <PubW@como.gov>

Dear Shane S. Creech and all appropriate City officials and representatives,

Received recent letter concerning traffic calming"/speed tables in my neighborhood. Was unable to attend earlier meetings and may not be able again to attend the upcoming one; but, did proffer my interest, concerns and opinion in previous emails. I realize that I'm probably in the minority. My house is at the corner of Ridgefield & Middlebush, 2513 Ridgefield. (Correction, Johnson Drive is an incomprehensibly short street...a name change halfway between Ridgefield and Overhill and does not start at my corner, weirdly).
Though I understand the concern for safety (and my minority position), I must upgrade my consternation from earlier missives. I think the addition and construction and cost of this many if any speed tables in our area is asinine.
I've lived between Columbia or St. Louis on and off all of my life. I've witnessed the uprooting and changes to Broadway from one way with planters, and back with and without Pon Chin's walkways to today's nonsense of driving through a hotel parking lot. We've wasted a lot of time and taxpayers' money.
I fought the addition of throughway traffic with the addition of a new subdivision at the College Park entrance to our area. It has worked and was a reasonable compromise considering the inevitability of the new subdivision. The addition of speed tables is not necessary, probably ineffective, and I doubt there is a compromise.
I'm old and mine is a retirement home. Only been here six years. I like the neighborhood. I walk and drive these streets and see other walkers, dog walkers, cyclists, runners, children and pram pushers. The area seems safe. People wave and are aware of their surroundings when driving. There are some sidewalks; there are on both sides of my house. I've said before that the people that want this construction project are the contractors, my chiropractors, physical therapists, mechanics and bodyshop owners; half in humor, half in reality.
Personally, it appears to be the plan to put one of these abominations in front of my house. I have hilly driveways like many in the area (which is also problematic for rollcarts) making entering and exiting my drive and garage more inconvenient and hazardous. I can't help but also believe that these things will effect property value in a time that older homes are increasing in maintenance and repair costs and the city continues to raise rates on property taxes and utilities. It would be nice to see that the city officials were concerned and doing something to lessen home owners overhead rather than increasing it in a time of recession and higher everday costs. With all of this, I am confusing the issue a bit by voicing a request to the city to be economically efficient and conservative. Work within the city's budget, lower overhead and pay down deficits. Spend less when possible, maintain rather than expand until we can afford it.
I've found speed bumps/tables abhorrent or ridiculous. I didn't like them on College Park, though they can be tolerated. The ones on Stewart are at least automotively hazardous. Others are inconvenient and uncomfortable and only tend to move traffic to adjacent streets, seeming to negate their effectiveness. The increasing numbers of roundabouts are still confusing to many drivers and seemingly costly, though I assume they make our city appear modern and foreword looking. They havent been assimilated or as helpful to keep traffic moving smoothly as they are intended to in the UK, where i learned to drive through them. But, I think, all of this makes our small town less. Less of a community, lessens the character of our neighborhoods. This is not progress or cost effective in my eyes.
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