

Public Comment Form

South Garth Avenue Traffic Calming

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Public Works department
City of Columbia
P.O. Box 6015
Columbia, MO 65205-6015

Comments may also be faxed to: **573-449-9641**
or forwarded via E-mail to: **Pubw@CoMo.gov**
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Comments:

I like the idea of speed humps, esp as garth gets closer to stewart road. I also would support the idea of a pedestrian crossing near stewart park.

My wife and I live at 300 south garth and also own the house at 302 South Garth

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J Scott Christianson

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Fwd: [PubW]: South Garth Traffic Calming

1 message

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

Fri, May 20, 2022 at 1:48 PM

Hi Andrew,

Please see the email below regarding South Garth Traffic Calming.

Thank you,
Dana Sample, CTA
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From: **Jennifer Wingert** <JWingert@cpsk12.org>
Date: Fri, May 20, 2022 at 12:48 PM
Subject: [PubW]: South Garth Traffic Calming
To: Pubw@CoMo.gov <Pubw@como.gov>

Andrew Briedwell,

Hello, my name is Jen Wingert. As the current principal and long-time employee of Grant Elementary School at [10 East Broadway](#), I would like to thank you for taking the time to gather information about the traffic concerns on Garth. During my 17 years at Grant, I have seen countless cars zoom down the street, at all times of the day, paying little attention to pedestrians of all ages. I have been concerned for years that the cars speeding down the street are drivers who do not live on the street nor are heading to library, therefore, they are not familiar with the age of citizens walking on Garth. Our students walk to Stewart Park, evacuate along Garth for fire drills, go on walking field trips, and cross Garth during arrival and dismissal. Many of our students are young and cannot be easily seen over a vehicle's dashboard. While there are traffic signs and speed signs to remind drivers to slow down, I have seen firsthand, many cars not mindful of their speed.

Adding to the danger caused by speeding vehicles, the street is also really narrow. A few years back, a Grant parent was severely injured when hit by a car as she was putting her children in her van while parked along Garth. Previous to that accident, a student was hit while crossing the street at that crosswalk. These are worst-case real life stories but stories nonetheless that have occurred on Garth.

Thank you for your efforts to make Garth a safer, slower street for all citizens, young and old. Please let me know how I can be helpful in making a traffic change on Garth!

Dr. Jen Wingert

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

Thu, May 12, 2022 at 1:27 PM

Andrew,

Please see the follow up email from Ms. Conroy with the public library regarding Garth traffic calming.

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From: **Margaret Conroy** <mconroy@dbrl.org>
Date: Thu, May 12, 2022 at 11:54 AM
Subject: [PubW]: South Garth Avenue traffic calming
To: <pubw@como.gov>
Cc: Erin Magner <emagner@dbrl.org>, Russ Niermeyer <rniermeyer@dbrl.org>, Abbey Rimel <arimel@dbrl.org>

Dear Andrew and Public Works staff:

Thank you for the opportunity to give feedback about the traffic calming needs and potential solutions on South Garth. Speaking for the library, we support traffic calming on Garth and think that speed bumps make the most sense. Due to the density of traffic at the entrance and exit to our parking lot, as well as the school crossing and temporary curb parking across the street at Grant, we think it makes sense to place a 3-way speed bump at the Garth/Crestmere intersection and the rest south of there.

We've briefly discussed the idea of one-way traffic and are not sure that is the best solution, especially since our bookmobiles would need to navigate the length of South Garth several times a day one way or the other.

Thank you,

Margaret



Margaret M. Conroy
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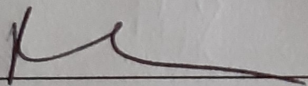
Comments:

We STRONGLY support traffic calming.
I, my husband, and our 2 kids, 7 and 9, have lived here ~~for~~ since 2009. People go WAY too fast on Garth. Someone nearly rear-ended me when I was turning into my driveway last month.

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We are constantly worried about the kids playing in the front yard or crossing the street. Honestly, it's only a matter of time before a child is injured or killed. We NEED traffic calming. A woman was struck and seriously injured by a car about 5 years ago. Car mirrors are constantly knocked off and cars scraped.

THANK YOU for considering traffic calming!!!
-Rose Metro

I agree 100% with my wife. I would also add that it is necessary to keep street parking on guard - many residents have shoveled driveways. Thank you for pursuing the calming measures.
Sean Franzel

My friends from across the street come over to play alot, and the more times she comes over the chances of her getting hurt are higher. I think the fastest I've ever seen somebody go on this street is like 70 mph. It is so sad. Please do something to stop this.

-Mae Franzel

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I want a speed bump because it will be safe for kids

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Comments:

Speeding down/up Garth has been an issue since we moved in (2016). I have young children who play outside along Garth often and there have been many times that even from 50-feet away a car going 50+ mph

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goes flying by. Regardless of where I am in my yard, cars going that fast pose a risk.

Our block has substantial foot traffic, especially during school. You'd think a lot of pedestrians would slow people down but that's not the case. Commercial vehicles, semi-trucks, sports cars, etc. go in excess of 50 mph!

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Comments: This has been a pressing need for some time. I am the parent of a 6yo and 4yo. They love to play outside with the many other children who live in the Grant / Park Hill area. Even though they know not to go near the street, the volume of traffic and speeds which are often in excess of 40mph absolutely

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terrify me - and most of the residents in the area.

Aside from residents' needs, there is a great deal of pedestrian traffic due to the library and elementary school (with no parking lot). During drop off/pick up times, many families are walking along Garth & crossing Garth at the same time visibility is impeded due to parked cars. Its truly a tragedy waiting to happen.

Some suggestions I support include:

- * 3-4 speed bumps along Garth between Broadway & Stewart
- * Making Crestmere - Stewart a one way (North bound) Street
- * Adding a pedestrian crosswalk at the intersection of Garth & Parkway (ideally elevated)

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Comments:

In view of the safety of children, bicycles +
pedestrian, traffic calming on S. Garth
will be important to our neighborhoods

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I have lived on S. Garth for six years & have been shocked at how reckless some people drive. Especially since there is a lot of pedestrian/bike traffic due to proximity to Grant, library, and trailhead. A few years ago when ~~the~~ construction on Grant was happening, the street was one-way & it was much, much better! I'd like to see it be made one way permanently.

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Speeding traffic on South Garth Avenue is an unnecessary hazard to the street's residents and their children, the students and faculty at Grant Elementary, the patrons of the Columbia Public Library and the neighbors and pets that enjoy Stewart Park. I would guess there are few places in Columbia that have higher pedestrian use coupled with a total disregard for safety by pass-through drivers looking for a short cut. I believe traffic calming measures, especially speed bumps, would cut down on the pass-through traffic and increase the safety of South Garth Avenue for all of its users.

I live at 204 S. Garth and have a 7-year-old daughter. In the two houses across the street there are 4 more children ages 4 to 10. All of these children play together on a regular basis. That requires 1 or more children to cross the road. The alarmingly reckless speeds that some drivers achieve on this short stretch of road causes anxiety for all of the parents of these children.

I believe people using South Garth Avenue as a shortcut is a reason for the high volume of speeding traffic. Traffic calming measures would greatly reduce the number of pass-through drivers that are using our street to get from Broadway to Providence (and vice versa). In my opinion, speed bumps would be a great way to slow traffic on this street – especially in the middle stretch where cars reach their highest velocity.

One issue that is important to the residents I have talked to is keeping on-street parking. Almost every house on S. Garth has a shared driveway. Many residents have no choice but to park on the street. If we can combine traffic calming with keeping on-street parking, it will benefit all of the residents of South Garth Avenue and all of the pedestrians that use this street for many purposes.