

April 13, 2018

Dear Harrisonburg City Council,

Out of concern for the vehicular behaviors present on our streets, the residents of the Portland East neighborhood request that the City of Harrisonburg conduct a traffic and speed study for consideration of our neighborhood's enrollment into the City's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program. We have specific concerns with speeding and cut-through traffic within the boundary shown on the attached map.

Enclosed is our documentation showing the dates we have made requests to Harrisonburg Police Department for increased enforcement on our neighborhood streets, dates which we have utilized the Team Up to Slow Down Program, dates we have discussed our concerns with our neighbors, and other encouragement measures we have used in the last 12 months.

City staff has assisted us with identifying the study and petition area, and we have already completed a petition that would allow us to enroll in the program, after Public Works staff confirms that we have met the required number of signatures.

I, Greg Deeds, will be the point of contact and will act as a liaison between City staff and my neighborhood. I will represent my neighborhood interests, and get information about community meetings to my neighbors.

Sincerely,

Greg A. Deeds

Signature

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Date: 04/13/18

Attachments: Neighborhood documentation (to be attached by neighbors), Police enforcement report (to be attached by City staff)

CC: City Manager, Public Works, Harrisonburg Police

Timeline of engagement measures:

- **Contact to Public Works about our concerns:** December 13, 2017 and February 14, 2018 reviewed by the Transportation Safety and Advisory Commission; Additional neighborhood complaint: January 2018
- **Harrisonburg Police Department Speed Trailers:** HPD place speed trailers on Springfield Drive from December 18, 2017 to January 2, 2018 to inform drivers of their speed, and encourage them to reduce speed. The trailer also collected speeds and volumes during JMU's winter break. The speed trailers were again place at the same location for the same purposes on January 8 – 15, 2018 after the JMU semester began.
- **Team Up to Slow Down program:** February 18 – April 13, 2018. Residents of the neighborhood displayed yard signs to encourage drivers to reduce speeds.
- **Presented Public Works with neighborhood petition:** February 14, 2018
- **Contacted VDOT to request a traffic survey when Reservoir Street is completed:** February 15, 2018
- **Harrisonburg Police Department provided increased enforcement on our neighborhood streets:** March 28 – 30, officers conducted enforcement in 2-hour periods on these three days. A report of violations is attached. Officers also asked those they had pulled over about their origin and destination to assist in determining the causes of the cut-through traffic.
- **Dates we have discussed our concerns with our neighbors:** Greg Deeds went door to door speaking with the majority of neighbors in the study area to discuss the problem and a solution during the February 11, 2018.
- **Neighborhood meeting with Public Works Department:** April 5, 2017
- **Contacted developer of the County portion of the neighborhood, Bobby Cook, to inquire about why the neighborhood street was connected to Reservoir Street:** April 5, 2018

Map of streets of specific concerns with speeding and cut-through traffic:



Portland Dr Neighborhood
Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program
Neighborhood Boundary





Portland East Sub-Division Traffic Calming Program 3-Day Spring-Break Enforcement Wave & Route Survey

March 28-29 / 6 hours / Morning (08:00-10:00)

March 28 / 2 hours / Evening (17:15-19:15)

March 28 / Morning (08:00-10:00 hrs)

08:10 hrs: Non Student / Sherwood Ct. to work

Stop Sign – Fieldale Pl

08:24 hrs: Non-Student / Isaac Ln to work Western State Cut through to Port to I-81

Stop Sign – Fieldale Pl

0834 hrs: Non-Student / Robinhood Ct. to work

Stop Sign – Fieldale Pl.

Stop Sign – Portland Dr.

08:45 Non-Student / Oakdale to work downtown

Stop Sign – Fieldale Pl

08:55 JMU-Student / Retreat to Campus

Stop Sign – Fieldale Pl

* UBER driver took me through here one night.

09:05 JMU Professor / Sherwood Ct. going to Campus

Stop Sign - Fieldale Pl.

* Doesn't like to cross 4 lanes of traffic at Reservoir St.

09:20 JMU Student /Copper Beach to Aspen Heights

Stop Sign – Fieldale Pl

Stop Sign – Portland DR.

* Short cut to get back home from boyfriends.

09:29 BRCC Student/ Hillmont Cir going to Port to I-81

Stop Sign – Fieldale Pl (15 mph)

Stop Sign – Portland DR. (15mph)

* Shortcut to get to I81, Reservoir St. to Neff takes to long.

09:44 BC Student /Retreat going to class

Stop Sign – Fieldale Pl

* Short cut to Port to I-81 – UBER driver took him through there one night.

09:50 JMU Student / Retreat going to class

Stop Sign – Fieldale Pl

* UBER Driver took him through there one night.

10:00 Non-Student / Hillmont Cir to Purcell Prk area to p/u mother

Stop Sign – Fieldale

Stop Sign – Portland Dr.

Stop Sign – Port Rd.

* They put a wall in the middle of road on Reservoir St. I don't' like doing U-Turn around it .

Portland East Sub-Division Traffic Calming Program 3-Day Spring-Break Enforcement Wave & Route Survey cont.

March 28 / Evening (17:15-19:15 hrs)

17:20 Non-Student / Robinson Park going to work Cargill Dayton / language barrier

Stop Sign – Fieldale Pl., No Registration Card in Poss.

17:55 JMU Student / Retreat going to Vito's

Stop Sign – Fieldale Pl

* UBER driver took us through here one night

18:05 Non-students / Dayton – Realtor signing lease

Stop Sign – Fieldale Pl

18:15 Non Student / Visiting friends in the area

Stop Sign – Fieldale Pl

Stop Sign – Portland Dr.

18:30 Non-Student / Robinhood Ct. going to Walker to work

Stop Sign -Fieldale Pl

18:40 Non-Student / Visiting Family- Robinson Park back to Deer Run

Stop Sign – Fieldale Pl

Stop Sign – Portland Dr.

18:55 JMU Student / Retreat to campus

Stop Sign – Fieldale Pl

* Everyone knows to come through here, WAZS routed

Even friends from the VAB that come to visit come this way.

19:10 JMU Student / Retreat to campus

Stop Sing – Fieldale Pl

* Roommate told him to come through here.

Portland East Sub-Division Traffic Calming Program

3-Day Spring-Break Enforcement Wave & Route Survey cont.

March 29 / Morning (08:00-10:00)

08:05 JMU Student / Copper Beach going to Campus

Stop Sign – Fieldale Pl

* When I go to East Campus I go Reservoir St., when I go to West Campus I go this way.

08:20 Non Student / Greenport going to Donnelly to work

Stop Sign – Fieldale Pl

Stop Sign – Portland DR.

* I got to get my coffee from MacDonald's before I go to work.

08:30 Non Student / Twin Gables going to work in Broadway

Stop Sign – Fieldale Pl

Stop Sign – Portland Dr.

* Cut through Portland East to Port Rd to I81.

08:40 JMU Student /Copper Beach to Aspen Heights

Stop Sign – Fieldale Pl

Stop Sign – Portland Dr., No O.L. in Possession

09:00 Non-Student /Pine Harbor to work at Belk

Stop Sign - Fieldale Pl

* Officer I haven't used Reservoir St. in about a year in half due to construction.

09:15 Non-Student / Chestnut Ridge Apts to Free Clinic, Wine Dr.

Stop Sign – Fieldale PL

Stop Sign – Portland Dr.

09:20 Non-Student / cutting through to residence at 1206 Port Rd.

Stop Sign – Fieldale Pl (15 mph)

Stop Sign – Portland Dr.

09:40 BRCC Student / Hillmont Cir to BRCC Campus

Stop Sign- Fieldale Pl

Stop Sign – Portland Dr.

* I don't know any other way to go.

10:00 JMU Student / Campus View going to Dentist Appt Clinic Wine Dr.

Stop Sign – Fieldale Pl

Stop Sign – Portland Dr.

* Only cut through twice a year to go to Dentist.

Portland East Sub-Division Traffic Calming Program

3-Day Spring-Break Enforcement Wave & Route Survey cont.

March 30 / Morning (08:00-10:00)

08:00 Non-student / Pine Harbor to work at Pioneer Bank Rt 33 West.

Stop Sign Fieldale Pl

Stop Sign Portland Dr.

* I Cut through here to get on Stones Spring Rd. bypass (Portland Dr. -King Edwards to Peach Grove)

08:15 JMU Student / Copper Beach to Aspen Heights

Stop Sign – Fieldale PL

Stop Sign – Portland Dr.

* Taking girlfriend back to Aspen Heights “Everyone knows to cut through here”.

08:25 Non-Student / Chestnut Ridge Apts taking wife to Dentist App on Wine Dr.

Stop Sign – Fieldale Pl

* “Why would go the other way this way is shorter and there no traffic”.

08:35 JMU Professor / Oakdale Ct. to Campus

Stop Sign – Fieldale Pl

Stop Sign – Portland Dr.

* I don't go Reservoir St. to get to Campus because there's too much student traffic.

08:45 Non-Student / Robinhood Ct. to Orange Theory to workout

Stop Sign – Fieldale Pl

09:00 Non-Student / Robinhood Ct. just riding around

Stop Sign – Fieldale Pl , No ID while operating Moped

Stop Sign – Portland Dr., Defective Equipment.

09:20 JMU Student / Retreat going to Campus

Stop Sign – Fieldale Pl

Stop Sign – Portland Dr. **with pedestrian present**

*UBER Driver took them through there one night

09:30 Non-Student / Greenport Dr. going to son's house on Nelson

Stop Sign Fieldale Dr.

09:40 JMU Student / Retreat going to Campus

Stop Sing – Portland DR.

*Wazes told me to come through here. Plus there's no or little traffic

Could you hurry up I'm really running late.

09:50 JMU Student /Retreat going to campus

Expired Registration

* I come through here because there's little traffic and never speed.