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Submitted on: Monday, April 26, 2021 - 2:06pm

Name: Maneet Kaur
Type of Meeting: Harrisonburg City Council
Date of Meeting: Tue, 04/27/2021
Agenda Item Number: 7
Comment:

I would like to ask what Harrisonburg is considering to do about the amount of accidents that happen on Neff Avenue. Why has there not been a look into reducing the speed limit? Why are we not doing so if we know it would greatly help both people who live in the town and college students avoid accidents?

The average American goes 5-10 miles over the speed limit. Although illegal, we see that be taken advantage of often on Neff Avenue often. I think we can all think of the many times we've seen people get pulled over on that road. With an intersection up the hill, two college apartment complexes, and an intersection down the hill. Those who drive on Neff know that there is always traffic, there are always students frantically driving to get to class, work, or anywhere, and there are always those who live in Harrisonburg (basically everyone) who know the speed limit but continue to go over it with the idea that 'I'm going down a hill' will give them a free pass.

I believe that reducing the speed limit by 10 or even 20, will significantly reduce the amount of accidents and almost accidents on the road. The fact that nothing has been done to change how dangerous it can be to take a left turn onto Neff in even the past five years goes to say a lot about how much we have looked into it

as a community. Our priority should be the safety of our people who live here year round, the students who come from out of the area and are not familiar with the roads here, and we should work to excel the comfort of both students and city natives.

In the last 3 days, there has been 2 accidents on this road. In the last two days, through close listening, I've heard cars come to abrupt stops and their wheels screech. In the last 2 days, I've heard honks again and again on the only road that is closest to my living space. All things that could be avoided by considering reducing the speed.

Five years ago, my cousin graduated from James Madison. Six years ago, my friend's sister graduated from James Madison: both vividly recalling how harsh people drive on Neff Avenue and attributing it to the 35 mph speed limit. The topic of conversation at most gatherings I go to when I tell others where I live is how terrible Neff avenue is.

If the average American goes 5-10 over the speed limit: this tells us that on a road where the speed limit is 35, more likely than not, students and those native to the city of Harrisonburg can go up to 45 on this road. That is not the goal. 35 should be a number where you are pushing it. This road is right outside of two apartment complexes, UPARK, and the hill where many go to watch the sunset, with two intersections at each point, and

Why are we not fixing the speed limit, fixing the system thats causing these horrific accidents, and helping the community? Again, we need to prioritise the safety of both students and those Native to Harrisonburg city, and this is the one of many ways to do it.

Thank you.

Contact: Yes

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I would love to give a presentation, virtually, if possible.

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Contact preference would be through email.

Thank you.

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Submitted on: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 - 8:28pm

Name: Matt Loflin
Type of Meeting: Harrisonburg City Council
Date of Meeting: Tue, 04/27/2021
Agenda Item Number: 1
Comment:

I really appreciate that the council meetings are streamed live. I do not have access to a cable feed and so internet streaming is the only option I have for viewing council meetings.

I wish to call attention to the video and audio quality. You likely are aware that the quality is not modern. The video quality is bearable; the slides, which are very helpful (thank you for those), are unfortunately illegible at times due to the noise and low resolution of the video. More concerning however, is that the audio quality is worse, it is frequently impossible to understand board members as they speak.

I know there are lots of items of higher importance that require your attention and appreciate you taking the time to read this comment.

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