Agenda: The Traffic Authority, Town of Hamden, will hold a regular meeting on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting. The following topics will be discussed:
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1. Call to order

2. Acceptance of the minutes of the meeting of November 9, 2020

3. Public comments on agenda action items only

4. CORRESPONDENCE

    a) Denise Laframboise, Ph.D., 12 Waite Street, 06517. President, Spring Glen Civic Association. Writing on behalf of the Sprig Glen Civic Association. – Requests that “the Traffic Authority accept the State Department of Transportation’s offer to study and submit a proposal to the town for a ‘road diet’ of Whitney Avenue.”
b) Helen Ward, 51 Caroline Street, 06517. Writing as the Chair, Traffic Committee, Whitneyville Civic Association. Reports that, for many years, the residents of Whiney Avenue have expressed concerns regarding traffic on the roadway, concerns that include speeding and simply walking or cycling on the roadway. Notes that business located on Whitney Avenue suffer because the roadway is not “pedestrian-friendly,” resulting in limited foot traffic. Encourages the Traffic Authority to coordinate Traffic Calming Measures across town line. Supports a Traffic Calming Study from Skiff Street (North Haven Town Line). Traffic Calming Measures requested: Traffic Calming Study; permanent [Radar] Speed Monitor; elimination of “car-centric” design; additional speed limit signs and around the school as previously identified by Kelly Branin in her letter. (Follow up Correspondence to Ms. Ward’s original letter received from Ms. Ward on 11/30/20, and it is included with the attachments to the Agenda.)

c) Kathleen Schomaker, 37 Hepburn Road, 06517. Energy Efficiency Coordinator, Town of Hamden. Writing on behalf of the Hamden Electric Vehicle Readiness Program and the topic of EQUITY of Access protocols. Request to have information regarding the program read into the Proceedings. Also asking for other methods to introduce the programs to the Traffic Authority. Also, will be proposing parking locations and enforcement protocols for Electric Vehicles at some point in 2020.

d) Michel Rieger, 315 Davis Street, 06517. Reports “increased truck and bus traffic on Davis Street,” including tractor trailers, CT Transit Buses, Pepsi Cola trucks, etc. Also concern about unsafe roadway conditions, deteriorating surfaces, narrow roadway. Asking if signage would help to reduce traffic, especially truck traffic.

e) Joseph Mikula, 124 Brook Street, 06514. Reports speeding cars and trucks, including DPW trucks. Notes that the Speed Limit is 30 MPH; however, this speed limit is never enforced. Requesting Stop Sign at Wintergreen Avenue and Brook Street, with installation on Brook Street in both directions.

f) Mike Carbray, 90 West Todd Street, 06518. Reporting excessive speeding and increased volume of traffic on West Todd Street. Seeing vehicles traveling at a speed rate of 50 and 60 MPH on a street with a MPH set at 25 MPH. Requesting the installation of speed limit signs as there are none in the area. Requesting the “lighten speed signage previously posted on Hillfield Road.” Also inquiring about the “accident rate.”

g) Sarah Clark and Gus Spohn, 187 Haverford Street, 06517. Writing to express strong support for the “road diet” study of Whitney Avenue from Skiff Street to Waite Street. Inquiring about the possibility of an extension of the study to include the section from Waite Street to the New Haven/Hamden town line. Requesting that the Traffic Authority act in support of the “road diet” proposal to the Town.
h) Sarah Clark, 187 Haverford Street, 06517. Requesting information on how might Community Members send letters of their support to the Traffic Authority. In addition, Ms. Clark is seeking information on the process of requesting follow-up on a Correspondence item from a previous Traffic Authority Agenda.

i) Susan K. White, 89 Killdeer Road, 06517. Requesting a crosswalk or bike crossing, or “even better,” a pedestrian signal either on Davis Street at the Ridge Road entrance to East Rock Park or at Hartford Turnpike.

j) Tyiesha Shields, 371 Pine Rock Avenue, 06514. Requesting a Speed Hump on Pine Rock Avenue between Jones Road and Woodin Street. Citing a high rate of speed; uncomfortable being outside or walking around the block.

k) Traffic Department. Requesting “Merge Left” signage on Dixwell Avenue in the vicinity of 2460 Dixwell Avenue (Tommy’s Tanning Plaza).

l) Ryan Ott, 83 Haverford Street, 06517. Requesting Traffic Calming and Speed Humps on Haverford Street between Lansdowne Street and Whitney Avenue.

m) Kelly Branin, 147 Ardmore Street, 06517. Update on request previously submitted to the Traffic Authority for Action. (Please see Agenda section #6. New Business, item e.)

n) Karlen Meinsen, 80 Santa Fe Ave, 06517. Asking for additional information regarding request that were submitted to the November 9 meeting. (Please see Agenda item “d” under section #6. New Business and #7. Old Business)

   1. School zone signage.
   2. More 30 mph signs on Whitney from Skiff to the New Haven line.
   3. More permanent speed monitors on Whitney from Skiff to the New Haven line.

5. DEPARTMENT REPORT

a) Review of Department Activities

   Speed and Volume Counter

   - The Traffic Department has purchased equipment to conduct Speed and Volume Counts, exacting information identical to those counts performed by the firm “Connecticut Counts.”
   - We are now able to take the same measurements and avoid the considerable costs associated with using an outside consultant.
   - We are processing and evaluating the results of two placements.
• The equipment will be used to measure the current traffic conditions before the installation of a traffic calming measure and then several weeks after to evaluate its effectiveness.
• Reports will be issued periodically to evaluate effectiveness.

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6. NEW BUSINESS (ACTION ITEM)

a) Roslyn Campbell, 264 Broadway, 06518 – Reports that “Most drivers speed and seem annoyed that we’re slowing them down to turn in or out of my driveway (honk horn/hand gestures). Requesting Radar Speed Monitoring Device, Periodic enforcement. Review for a Speed Hump to determine if that will help. (TA ACTION ITEM)

b) Christine M. Melchinger, 140 Ardmore Street, 06517 – Reports that vehicles are speeding up and down Ardmore Street and fail to stop at the Bedford Street Stop Sign. Requesting 3 Speed Hump(s) – two below and one above Bedford Street interval. (TA ACTION ITEM)

c) Myla J. Wilson, 30 Penn Street, 06514 – Reports traffic issues at the Oakwood Child Care Center, 495 Benham Street. Requesting the installation of a Raised Crosswalk and/or a Speed Hump. Also reporting that vehicles do not stop at the “Stop Sign” at Harrison Drive and Vantage Road. Requesting Traffic Calming at these locations. (TA ACTION ITEM)

PENDING Chief Sullivan reviewed a traffic study for these locations with Jim Mesner and will explore potential recommendations and funding to assist with the traffic calming measures.

d) Karlen Meinsen, Hamden Traffic Collaborative Committee – Correspondence to share feedback on behalf of the Hamden Traffic Collaborative Committee and to relay other requests. Reports dangerous speeding on Whitney Avenue from New Haven border to Skiff Street, including in front of 4 schools.

ONGOING All 24 Radar Speed Monitors are currently installed at 11 locations. Statistics will be reported on a regular basis.
PENDING Funding for signage (ACTION ITEM)

e) Kelly Branin, 147 Ardmore Street, 06517 – Correspondence regarding requested updates on the following:

- The results of the School Zone Study that was completed in June 2018.
- The Traffic Study on Spring Glen portion of Whitney Avenue.
- Speed monitoring devices on Whitney.
- Update school zone signs and flashing lights.
- The request for more traffic enforcement.
- Red-light running cameras. The Chief reported that Red Light Running Cameras are illegal in CT.

f) Mark Austin, Town Engineer, in attendance to respond to questions regarding funding for traffic improvements.

7. OLD BUSINESS (ACTION ITEM)

a) Jonathan Corillo, 1580 Whitney Avenue and the CT DOT – Request for a potential Road Diet on Whitney Avenue through Spring Glen (Route 707) be considered. The Police Chief has formed a team to investigate this CT DOT statewide program.

- PENDING Chief Sullivan has requested discussion at the December 14, 2020, Traffic Authority Meeting.
- Discussion “Road Diet”.
- Chief Sullivan – Reports on the discussion with the CT Department of Traffic Engineering.
- Acknowledges messages in support of the projects received from Community Members.
- Preparing a proposal to the Traffic Commissioners for their endorsement of the “Road Diet.”


c) Karlen Meisen - Follow-up on correspondence to the Traffic Authority. Police Chief John Sullivan believes that there is a lot of useful information within the policy to help guide the Traffic Authority. The policy can be reviewed and presented to the Traffic Authority and implement some of the policies into the TA’s existing policies. This item was TABLED at the November 9 Meeting, to implement policies within the TA’s Existing policies, pending further review. (ACTION ITEM)

d) Derrick Corbett, 231 Brook St, 06514 - Item concluded, DINIED Speed Humps in the October 5. Failed Street Evaluation. Other Traffic Calming methods being considered.
**Discussion** Results of Speed and Volume Counters installed on Brook Street; Installation of Speed Limit Signs. (Police Dept.)

e) Todd Street - Request “No Thru Trucks” sign. Denied by CT OSTA based on criteria for establishing a "No Thru Trucks" designation. STATUS: Police Chief, John Sullivan will be sending a second letter to the state to request a “No Thru Trucks” sign designation through a different avenue. This item was TABLED at the November 9 Meeting. The Office of State Traffic Administration has denied the installation of a “No Thru Trucks” sign and suggested that the Traffic Authority consider making a petition for “Weight Limit Restriction” signage. (Police Dept.)

**Pending** Application for “Weight Limit Restriction” signage. (Police Dept.)

f) **Speed Hump Petition Initiative** Feedback was received from a Community Member regarding collecting signatures during the pandemic and the risks associated with going door-to-door for signatures. In response, letters were prepared and sent to the residents on the roadway pending the installation of a Speed Hump. To date, letters have been sent to 32 residents of Village Circle and several responses already received. Details on the specific requests follow:

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8. **Executive Session**

9. **Adjournment**
Minutes: The Traffic Authority, Town of Hamden, held a regular meeting on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. via Zoom Meeting. The following topics were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance:

- Michael Iezzi, Chairman
- Commissioner, Larry Esposito
- Commissioner, Cherlyn Poindexter
- Commissioner, Mitchell Strickland
- Commissioner, Raeanne Curtis

Staff in attendance:

- Nancy Forvil, Clerk

Others in attendance:

- Chief of Police, John Sullivan
- Deputy Chief of Police, Bo Kicak

Guest Speaker

- Jonathan Corillo

1. Call to order
Chairman, Michael Iezzi called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. A roll call was conducted by the Commission Clerk, Nancy Forvil. Chairman, Michael Iezzi, Commissioners Cherlyn Poindexter, Larry Esposito, Mitchel Strickland and Raeanne Curtis were present. Chief of Police, John Sullivan, Deputy Chief of Police, Bo Kicak were also present.

2. Acceptance of the minutes of the meeting of October 14, 2020
Commissioner Larry Esposito made a motion to approve the minutes of October 14, 2020. Commissioner Mitchell Strickland seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

3. Public comments on agenda action items only

a) Bob Pattison, 21 Barrett Street, Hamden, CT. Mr. Pattison submitted a public comments on how supports the CT DOT proposal to review the Spring Glen section of
Whitney Avenue (Skiff to Waite street) for a proposed 'road diet' along route 707. Since 2004 residents in Whitneyville brought traffic calming ideas to the Town of Hamden specifically in regards to the Whitneyville center at the corners for Putnam and Whitney Avenue. Mr. Pattison would like the Commission to think progressively, discuss and take action on the road diet plans.

b) Elaine Dove, Santa Fe Avenue, Hamden, CT. Ms. Dove was pleased that the commission is thinking about a "Road Diet" plan for Whitney Avenue. Ms. Dove encourages that the commission follow through on this proposal and hopes the Traffic Authority will implement a road diet for the designated section of Whitney Ave.

c) Helen Ward, Traffic Committee Chair, Whitneyville Civic Association. Ms. Ward was concerned about the speeding problem on Whitney that goes through New Haven. For several years, residents of East Rock on the eastern side of Whitney have advocating for changes on Whitney to allow them to cross safely and slow down traffic. The Whitneyville Civic Association is in support of the plans in New Haven but fear that drivers who emerge from the stretch of Whitney that have traffic calming will accelerate and cause speeding problems on Whitney in Hamden. The Hamden Traffic Collaborative Committee’s would like to request for a traffic calming study from the New Haven line up to Skiff St. The town should coordinate traffic calming measures across town/city lines which would prioritize pedestrian and bike safety.

4. Correspondence

a) Judith Beers and Stuart Engar, 215 Hillfield Road – requests “Blind Driveway” sign.

Chief Sullivan has approved the request for “Blind Driveway” and will be installed.

b) Roslyn Campbell, 264 Broadway – Reports that “Most drivers speed and seem annoyed that we’re slowing them down to turn in or out of my driveway (honk horn/hand gestures).” STATUS: Requesting Radar Speed Monitoring Device; Periodic enforcement; Review for a Speed Hump to determine if that will help.

Chief Sullivan has denied the Request for Speed Hump as it is a State Road. Chief Sullivan plans to reach out to the state traffic administration to discuss adjusting speed limits, signage, and confirm the legality of using a speed monitors on the road. Traffic enforcement has been conducted in the area.

c) Christine M. Melchinger, 140 Ardmore Street – Reports that vehicles are speeding up and down Ardmore Street and fail to stop at the Bedford Street Stop Sign. Requesting 3 Speed Hump(s) – two below and one above Bedford Street interval.

Chief Sullivan has denied the request for Speed Hump on Ardmore Street as it is a Minor Arterial and a cut through from Whitney Avenue to Dixwell Avenue. The Traffic Department will look into adding potential signage and radar/speed monitoring. Traffic enforcement has been conducted in the area and is currently being reviewed in traffic calming study.
d) Myla J. Wilson, 30 Penn Street – Reports traffic issues at the Oakwood Child Care Center, 495 Benham Street. Requesting the installation of a Raised Crosswalk and/or a Speed Hump. Also reporting that vehicles do not stop at the “Stop Sign” at Harrison Drive and Vantage Road. Requesting Traffic Calming at these locations.

Chief Sullivan reviewed a traffic study for these location with the Jim Mesner and will look into finding potential recommendations and funding to assist with the traffic calming measures.

e) Jonathan Corillo, 1580 Whitney Avenue and the CT DOT – Request for a potential Road Diet on Whitney Avenue through Spring Glen (Route 707) be considered. The Police Chief has formed a team to investigate this CT DOT statewide program. Mr. Corillo is tentatively scheduled to address the Traffic Authority Chair, Traffic Authority Commissioners, and Community Members.

Jonathan Corillo presented the potential Road Diet on Whitney Avenue through Spring Glen (Route 707). Mr. Corillo provided a display of the Road diet and outlined benefits of the Road Diet measures. Details about the Road diet will be on the Traffic Authority November 9, 2020 meeting recording.

f) Karlen Meinsen, Hamden Traffic Collaborative Committee – Correspondence to share feedback on behalf of the Hamden Traffic Collaborative Committee and to relay other requests. Reports dangerous speeding on Whitney Avenue from New Haven border to Skiff Street, including in front of 4 schools.

Chief Sullivan reported 16 permanent radar monitors and 8 portable radar monitors throughout the town. Below are the list of locations were Radar Speed Monitors are currently installed. Chief Sullivan did review the School Zone Study and believes that most of the recommendations could be addressed, except for the school zone flash sign and set ups. Chief Sullivan will look into what the budget permits. All of the other signage may cost approximately $14,000, which would include 25mph and 30mph zone signage, school crossing signs, school zone ahead, fines double, and end school zone signage. Chief Sullivan believe that there may be funding for the signs mentioned previously, and he will look into the budget and add this matter into an action item.

**Portable Radar Speed Monitors**
Cherry Ann Street (1 Radar Speed Monitor)
Gaylord Mountain Road near Downs Road, (2 Radar Speed Monitors)
Morse Street (1 Radar Speed Monitor)
North Street (2 Radar Speed Monitors)
Whitney Avenue near Filbert Street (2 Radar Speed Monitors)
Permanent Radar Speed Monitors
Evergreen Avenue (2 Radar Speed Monitors)
Leeder Hill Drive (4 Radar Speed Monitors)
Ridge Road (4 Radar Speed Monitors)
Skiff Street Extension (2 Radar Speed Monitors)
West Todd Street (2 Radar Speed Monitors)
Woodin Street (2 Radar Speed Monitors)

Kelly Branin, 147 Ardmore Street – correspondence regarding requested updates on:
- The results of the School Zone Study that was completed in June 2018
- The Traffic Study on Spring Glen portion of Whitney Avenue
- Speed monitoring devices on Whitney
- Update school zone signs and flashing lights
- The request for more traffic enforcement
- Red-light running cameras

Chief Sullivan approved Radar Speed Monitors and street enforcement; red light running cameras are illegal in CT.

5. Department report
   a. Review of Department Activity

Chief Sullivan provided a monthly report on the Selective Enforcement in Hamden that included radar, stop sign enforcement through the Traffic and Patrol division.

   Below are the list of street enforcement.

   Augur Street (12 enforcements)
   Broadway (1 enforcement, 1 radar)
   Brook Street & Winter Green (10 enforcements)
   Brook Street (7 enforcements)
   Cherry Ann near dead end (7 enforcements)
   Fairview and other areas (3 enforcements)
   Gilbert (2 enforcements)
   Harrison (5 enforcements)
   Helen Street & Fairview (3 enforcements)
   Helen Street and other areas (4 enforcements)
   High Top Circle (2 enforcements)
   Mary Knoll (3 enforcements)
   North Street (5 enforcements)
   Other Whitney Avenue areas (38 enforcements, 4 radars)
   Pine Rock (14 enforcements & radar)
   Pine Rock (north bound near Gilbert (3 enforcements)
Pine Rock at other intersections (14 enforcements)
Todd Street (near the canal) (11 enforcements)
Tuttle Avenue (15 enforcements)
Vantage & Harrison (14 enforcements)
Vantage (9 enforcements)
Village Circle (3 enforcements)
Waite Street (10 enforcements)
West Drive (3 enforcements)
West Todd Street (10 enforcements)
Westfield (5 enforcements)
Whitney & Waite (21 enforcements and 2 radars)
Winchester Avenue (13 enforcements)
Wintergreen Avenue (5 enforcements)
Woodin Street (12 enforcements & radar)

6. New Business (Action Item)

a) Judith Beers and Stuart Engar, 215 Hillfield Road – requests “Blind Driveway” sign. (TA Action item)

Commissioner Mitchell Strickland made a motion to approve the “Blind Driveway” sign on 215 Hillfield Road. Commissioner Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

b) Roslyn Campbell, 264 Broadway – Reports that “Most drivers speed and seem annoyed that we’re slowing them down to turn in or out of my driveway (honk horn/hand gestures).” Requesting Radar Speed Monitoring Device; police monitoring (Police Action item); Review for a Speed Hump to determine if that will help. (TA Action item)

Commissioner Mitchell Strickland made a motion to deny the Speed Hump/radar device request on Broadway due to Broadway is a State road. Commissioner Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

c) Christine M. Melchinger, 140 Ardmore Street – Reports that vehicles are speeding up and down Ardmore Street and fail to stop at the Bedford Avenue Stop Sign. Requesting 3 Speed Humps – two below and one above the Bedford Avenue interval. (TA Action item)

Commissioner Mitchell Strickland made a motion to deny the Speed Hump request on 140 Ardmore Street due to the Street Classification of Minor Arterial. Commissioner Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.
d) Myla J. Wilson, 30 Penn Street – Reports traffic issues at the Oakwood Child Care Center, 495 Benham Street. Requesting the installation of a Raised Crosswalk and/or a Speed Hump (TA Action item). Also reporting that vehicles do not stop at the “Stop Sign” at Harrison Drive and Vantage Road. Requesting Traffic Calming at these locations. (Police Action item)

Commissioner Mitchell Strickland made a motion to deny the Speed Hump request on 495 Benham Street due to a Street Classification of Major Collector. Commissioner Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

7. Old Business (Action item)

a) Russell Savik, 86 Sky View Circle – Item concluded. See October minutes for details.

b) Jay Cruickshank, 11 Nature Trail – Requests an additional step to the Speed Humps Steps and Requirements that both the Police Chief and the Fire Chief sign-off when a street is under consideration for a Speed hump is the street is a primary or routine access road for emergency vehicles. STATUS: Police Chief, John Sullivan tabled this item as an Action Item to be voted on at the next TA meeting. Recommendations from the Fire Chief will be considered for adding an additional requirement to step 2 of the Speed Hump(s) Steps and Requirements for a Speed Hump if a street is a primary or routine access road for emergency vehicles. PENDING: POLICY REVIEW. (Action Item.)

Commissioner Mitchell Strickland made a motion to approve the adding of an additional requirement to step 2 of the Speed Hump(s) Steps and Requirements for the exclusion of a Speed Hump if a street is a primary or routine access road for emergency vehicles. Commissioner Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

c) Elm City Management/Anthony Cuomo – Requests 3 Speed Humps on Marne Street, between Foch Street and between Foch Street and Treadwell Street and between Foch Street, Pershing Street and Treadwell Street. STATUS: PENDING FURTHER REVIEW OF REQUEST.

Commissioner Mitchell Strickland made a motion to table the 3 requests for Speed Humps on Marne Street, between Foch Street and between Foch Street and Treadwell Street and between Foch Street, Pershing Street and Treadwell Street, pending further review. Commissioner Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

d) Marion Molloy, 69 Webb Street – Item concluded. See October minutes for details.
e) Michele Proscino, 458 Waite Street – Item concluded. See October minutes for details.

f) Jodi Rabinowitz, 193 Augur Street - Requests Speed Humps; Traffic Calming; Signage. **STATUS**: Pending Speed Hump Petition.

  Commissioner Mitchell Strickland made a motion to table the request for Speed Humps request on Augur Street, pending further review. Commissioner Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

  Karlen Meisen - Follow-up on correspondence to the Traffic Authority. Police Chief John Sullivan believes that there is a lot of useful information within the policy to help guide the Traffic Authority. The policy can be reviewed and presented to the Traffic Authority and implement some of the policies into the TA’s existing policies. **STATUS**: Continues under review.

  Commissioner Mitchell Strickland made a motion to table the request to implement policies within the TA’s existing policies, pending further review. Commissioner Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

h) Evelyn Wilson Peter - Request for Speed Hump on Westerfield Road. **STATUS**: Approved Action- Pending Speed Hump Petition.

  Commissioner Cherlyn Poindexter made a motion to table the request for Speed Hump on Westerfield Road, pending Speed Hump Petition. Commissioner Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

i) Seb DiLeone - Item concluded. See October minutes for details.

j) Nicole Lee - Requests Speed Hump on Village Circle; Signage for “Children at Play.” **STATUS**: Pending Speed Hump Petition.

  Commissioner Cherlyn Poindexter made a motion to table the request for Speed Hump on Village Circle, pending Speed Hump Petition. Commissioner Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

k) Tyrone Oliver - Request for Speed Hump on Cherry Ann Street. **STATUS**: Pending Speed Hump Petition.
Commissioner Cherlyn Poindexter made a motion to table the request for Speed Hump on Cherry Ann Street, pending Speed Hump Petition. Commissioner Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

l) Lori Smith - Requests Speed Hump on Vantage Road and Benham Street. STATUS: Pending Speed Hump Petition.

Commissioner Cherlyn Poindexter made a motion to table the request for Speed Hump on Cherry Ann Street, pending Speed Hump Petition. Commissioner Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

m) Nathesia Wethington - Requests Speed Hump on North Street. STATUS: Pending Speed Hump Petition.

Commissioner Cherlyn Poindexter made a motion to table the request for Speed Hump on North Street, pending Speed Hump Petition. Commissioner Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

n) Walter Morton, 345 Morse Street, and Morse Street Neighbors. - Item concluded. See October minutes for details.

o) Lori Smith - Requests Speed Hump on Vantage Road and Benham Street. Street evaluation based on WSP Traffic Calming Study. STATUS: Pending Speed Hump Petition.

Commissioner Cherlyn Poindexter made a motion to table the request for Speed Hump on Vantage Road and Benham Street, pending Speed Hump Petition. Commissioner Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

p) Derrick Corbett, 231 Brook St - Item concluded. See October minutes for details. Other Traffic Calming methods being considered.

Chief Sullivan confirmed that there were Speed and Volume counters installed on Brook Street, and that there is a plan to install speed limit signs on the street.

q) Todd Street - Request “No Thru Trucks” sign. Denied by CT OSTA based on criteria for establishing a "No Thru Trucks" designation. STATUS: Police Chief, John Sullivan will be sending a second letter to the state to request a “No Thru Trucks” sign designation through a different avenue.

Commissioner Cherlyn Poindexter made a motion to table the request for “No Thru Trucks” sign on Todd Street. Commissioner Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.
7. Executive Session
   (There was no Executive Session held.)

10. Adjournment

   Commissioner Larry Esposito made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
   Commissioner Mitchell Strickland seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in
   favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:34PM
Dear Chief Sullivan,

Thank you so much for giving up time on your Tuesday evening to attend the fall meeting of the Spring Glen Civic Association. Your input and information was invaluable to our discussion of traffic issues in Spring Glen, including the “road diet” idea that the State is offering to propose. Comments from individuals in the neighborhood indicate that you are very well regarded in our community for being respectful, responsive and having a “can do” attitude about getting things done in Hamden. We at the Spring Glen Civic Association appreciate that enormously, and look forward to working with you in the future on traffic and other issues important to the neighborhood.

I am attaching the Traffic Authority Form for adding an item to the agenda of the next TA meeting, as well as a formal letter from the Civic Association in support of accepting the State’s offer to study and propose a road diet for Whitney Avenue through Spring Glen. Please don’t hesitate to contact myself or anyone else in the Civic Association if you have any questions or require additional information regarding this request, or any other issue.

Kind regards,
Denise Laframboise
President, Spring Glen Civic Association
12 Waite Street
203-668-0759
HAMDEN TRAFFIC AUTHORITY Request to Be Added to the Traffic Authority Agenda
I am submitting my request for Traffic Calming and asking that it be placed on a forthcoming Agenda. 
To be placed on the agenda, your request must be submitted in advance to the office of the Chief of 
Police no later than two weeks preceding the regular Traffic Authority meeting:
Hamden Traffic Authority or c/o Hamden Police Department


Name (print): Spring Glen Civic Association
Address: P.O. Box 6240 Hamden, CT 06517
Email: sgcahamden@gmail.com Phone Number: 203-668-0759

Reason for the request: Describe the observed traffic conditions on the street and/or at specific 
intersections. We request that the Traffic Authority put the “Road Diet” for Whitney Avenue from Skiff 
Street to Waite Street offered by the CT DoT on the agenda for your next meeting for approval for the 
State to study and propose a road diet for town consideration. The Spring Glen Civic Association notes 
that residents of Spring Glen have long expressed concerns about the safety of pedestrians and 
motorists on this segment of Whitney Avenue, due to speeding and the number of driveways and 
intersecting streets in this highly pedestrian area.

Remedy requesting (if applicable): We strongly support the Traffic Authority approve asking the State 
DoT to proceed with studying and submitting a detailed proposal for a “road diet” of Whitney Avenue 
through Spring Glen
To: Police Chief Sullivan and the Hamden Traffic Authority  
From: Spring Glen Civic Association  
Date: November 13, 2020

The Spring Glen Civic Association requests that the Hamden Traffic Authority accept the State Department of Transportation’s offer to study and submit a proposal to the town for a “road diet” of Whitney Avenue. The Civic Association held a meeting of the membership on November 10 and unanimously passed a motion in favor of this request. An ongoing concern voiced to the Civic Association from individuals in Spring Glen is safety issues for pedestrians and cars on Whitney Avenue, and allowing the state to study and propose a road diet has the potential to address these concerns.

Sincerely,

Denise E. Laframboise, Ph.D.  
President, Spring Glen Civic Association  
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My apologies! I sent my comments earlier but neglected to convert to pdf first - you might have had difficulty opening it. Sorry! Here's the Pdf version.

Helen Ward
Chair, Traffic Committee
Whitneyville Civic Association
Dear Members of the Traffic Commission,

My name is Helen Ward and I live at 51 Caroline St in the Whitneyville section of Hamden. I am writing to you as Chair of the Traffic Committee of the Whitneyville Civic Association.

I want to commend the Commission for the recent changes made as outlined in Ms. Karlen Meinsen’s letter to you. They have already made a real difference in making the whole process of submitting requests more transparent and more efficient. Thank you!

For many years, residents of Whitneyville have raised concerns about the speeding on Whitney Ave. Some of my neighbors refuse to walk on Whitney because of safety concerns and few of us dare to ride our bikes on this road. Our businesses suffer because the road is just not pedestrian friendly so foot traffic is limited.

We are particularly concerned about a potential worsening of the speeding problem as a result of planned traffic calming measures on the stretch of Whitney that goes through New Haven. For several years, residents of East Rock on the eastern side of Whitney have been advocating for changes on Whitney to allow them to cross safely and slow down traffic. We spoke to the New Haven City Engineer, Giovanni Zinn, who told us about the city’s plans to use a DOT grant to install traffic calming measures on Whitney up to the Hamden line. They are planning a community meeting via Zoom in the next month or so to receive input from nearby residents about what changes they’d like to see. An article in the New Haven Independent describes this effort: https://www.newhavenindependent.org/index.php/archives/entry/whitney_avenue/

We are fully in support of these plans in New Haven but fear that once drivers emerge from the stretch of Whitney that has traffic calming they will accelerate and cause an even more dangerous speeding problem on Whitney in Hamden. Accordingly, we want to express our full support for the Hamden Traffic Collaborative Committee’s request for a traffic calming study from the New Haven line up to Skiff St. To the maximum extent possible, the town should coordinate traffic calming measures across town/city lines so that the design of Whitney, as it slices through three heavily residential areas (East Rock, Whitneyville and Spring Glen), finally places a higher priority on pedestrian and bike safety. It is not only a safety concern but an economic one. If we want new
small businesses to open, and existing ones to succeed, we need to address the
current out-of-date, car-centric design of Whitney Ave as it cuts through these
residential neighborhoods. This is being done all over the country and it needs to be
done here.

In the short term, we also support the requests for immediate installation of permanent
speed monitors along Whitney, additional speed limit signs and school zone signs
around the schools listed in the letter submitted to the Commission by Kelly Branin.

Again thank you for the terrific work the Commission has done to improve the manner
in which citizen concerns are handled. We appreciate your efforts!

Sincerely,

Helen Ward
Chair, Traffic Committee
Whitneyville Civic Association
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Begin forwarded message:

From: MICHAEL IEZZI <miezzi@aol.com>
Date: November 2, 2020 at 4:48:21 PM EST
To: Kathleen Schomaker <kschomaker@hamden.com>
Cc: larryesposito443@gmail.com, eric.jr@att.net, cpoeindexter@snet.net, "Larry Rosenthal (lrosenthal04@gmail.com)" <lrosenthal04@gmail.com>, Walter Morton <wmorton@hamden.com>, Mark Austin <maustin@hamden.com>

Subject: Re: IMPORTANT: Electric Vehicles are coming!

Thanks Kath, we

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 2, 2020, at 4:07 PM, Kathleen Schomaker <kschomaker@hamden.com> wrote:

Action requested: Please read notes into record on Monday, November 9--RSVP.

Larry, Eric, Mike and Cherlyn—

On behalf of our Electric We want Hamden to be well-prepared for the Electric Vehicle transition that is definitely on its way. This is important for the health and wellness of our residents as well as for the economic competitiveness of our municipality. We are enrolled in a state-wide training program on this matter. One of our preliminary tasks is to communicate with our Traffic Commissioners and possibly make a brief presentation at your next meeting.

This transition is important for several reasons;
1) reduction of air pollution that induces asthma in our Hamden neighborhoods, especially lower income neighborhoods;
2) reduction of climate-damaging greenhouse gases that contribute to extreme storm events, as part of a global effort;
3) near-future availability of incentive funds for our Hamden;
4) economic competitiveness of Hamden.
Please note we will be proposing parking locations as well as enforcement protocols for Electric Vehicles at some point in 2021. For example, we like the painted spaces on the upper deck of the parking facility at the Police HQ and may request that design be replicated around town to remind folks of the need for EV-only parking in designated spots. Working with Town Planner, United Illuminating/Avangrid, CT-DOT, and more, we may propose an array of policies related to Electric Vehicle parking and enforcement. And we will have an town-wide EQUITY of access protocol as part of this proposal.

This process is also underway in neighboring CT municipalities as well as neighboring states.

Might this note be read into your proceedings on Monday, November 9? Please advise if there is another process I should use to introduce this matter to the Traffic Authority.

Please advise—thank you.

Kathleen Schomaker, Mark Austin, Walter Morton, and Larry Rosenthal
Core Team, Hamden Electric Vehicle Readiness Program

Kathleen Schomaker
Energy Efficiency Coordinator
Town of Hamden
2750 Dixwell Avenue
Hamden, CT 06518

Office: 203-287-7036
Cell: 203-435-2872
She, Her, Hers
Dear Mr. Fezzi, I'm writing this letter to bring attention to an ongoing problem in my neighborhood. Increased truck & bus traffic. I live on Davis St. (near Franklin Rd.), I've been here for over 30 years and recently have noticed a huge increase in traffic going up Davis St. (the one-way section) mostly trucks and buses, that are using Potter Place and Bath Rd. to get to Davis St., to get to Ridge Rd or continue on Davis to Whitney Ave. Not only is the roadway deteriorating, it's unsafe for such large trucks to be on these smaller roads. I've seen tractor trailers, CT Transit buses, Pepsi Cola trucks, you name it using these streets as a cut through or shortcut. I'm not sure if GPS is causing this or just people becoming more familiar with the neighborhood. The car traffic is enough, we don't need the trucks. Can you please look into this situation for a possible solution? I don't know if signage would help, but something should be done.

Thanks for your time, hope you can help!

Michael Rieger
315 Davis St.

Rieger, Mike C@yahoo.com 11-9-20

Michael Rieger
HAMDEN TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

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Hamden Traffic Authority or email to: santonini@hamdenpd.com
c/o Hamden Police Department
Attn.: Chief's Office
2900 Dixwell Avenue
Hamden, CT 06518

Name (print): Joseph Mikula
Address: 124 Brook Street
Email: cmikula@ci.hamden.ct.us
Phone Number: (203) 281-3736 (work) 2511 203 600 1173

Reason for the request: Describe the observed traffic conditions on the street and/or at specific intersections.

SPEEDY CARS, TRUCKS, INCL. DPW TRUCKS - SPEED LIMIT IS 30 MPH NEVER ENFORCED

Remedy requesting (if applicable):

Stop sign at Wintergason and BrookInstalled on Brook St. in both directions
March 5, 2018

Mr. Joseph Mikula
124 Brook St.
Hamden CT 06514

Dear Mr. Mikula:

The Hamden Traffic Authority at its meeting on Wednesday November 8, 2017 tabled your request for the February 14, 2018 meeting. You contacted the clerk advising that you would not be available for the February 14, 2018 meeting. This item will appear on the agenda for the March 11, 2018 meeting. This meeting will be held in room C-107 at Hamden High School, 2040 Dixwell Ave. at 5:45 p.m. As part of the agenda you can address this issue at that time.

You can verify the agenda by going to the Hamden CT web page, clicking on Government and then on Boards and Commissions. A drop down box will appear and just go down to the Traffic Commission. When this page opens you can select a category – Agendas or Minutes.

Should you not be available to attend the meeting please contact the clerk Cathy Gempka at 203-281-4966 and advise her.

Sincerely,

Michael Iezzi
Chairman
MI/ceg

cc: Commissioners
Police Chief Wydra
December 12, 2017

Mr. Joseph Mikula
124 Brook St.
Hamden CT 06514

Dear Mr. Mikula:

The Hamden Traffic Authority at its meeting on Wednesday November 8, 2017 denied your request for the February 14, 2018 meeting. The Traffic Authority doesn’t meet in December and January that is the reason for the February date. This meeting will be held in room C-107 at Hamden High School, 2040 Dixwell Ave. at 5:45 p.m. As part of the agenda you can address this issue at that time.

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Sincerely,

Michael Iezzi
Michael Iezzi
Chairman
MI/ceg

cc: Commissioners
    Police Chief Wydra

3/6/18 for Cathy
Letter coming after meeting next week
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Dear Joe Mikula,

Thank you for reaching out to the Hamden Traffic Authority. Please see the attached form to put in your official request; we are no longer accepting emailed requests. Once your completed the "request to be added to the TA Agenda form, your request will be reviewed by the Traffic Authority and to be presented at the December 2020 Traffic Authority regular meeting. The cut off for the November meeting was on October 20th. Once I get an update, i will inform you about your request being added to the agenda. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at any time.

Thank you,

Nancy Forvil

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I have tried many times for safety reasons to have a stop sign installed at the intersection of brook street and wintergreen ave. The stop sign needs to be installed on brook street to protect all the children and people who use pine rock park.

The speed limit is 30 miles per hour
However. Trucks and cars travel at speeds up to 50 miles plus.

We who live on brook street are vulnerable for a serious accident due to the unenforced speeds driving on our street.

I cannot believe this has been ignored many times. For your information trucks and cars avoid dixwell ave and travel lane st to brook st to pine rock ave to get to southern ct university and new haven.
I am submitting my request for Traffic Calming and asking that it be placed on a forthcoming Agenda.

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Hamden Traffic Authority  or  email to: santonini@hamdenpd.com

c/o Hamden Police Department

Attn.: Chief’s Office

2900 Dixwell Avenue

Hamden, CT 06518

Name (print):  Mike Carbrax

Address:  90 West Todd St  Hamden

Email:  naplesman34120@yahoo.com

Phone Number:  203-500-9663

Reason for the request: Describe the observed traffic conditions on the street and/or at specific intersections.

There is excessive speeding on West Todd in the section between Hillfield Rd and Shepard Ave. Numerous accidents occur at the stone bridge.

Remedy requesting (if applicable):

I doubt that people pay attention to posted speed limit signs but there are no signs posted in the area.

Can lighted signage similar to what was installed on Hillfield Rd be installed?
There is significantly more traffic on West Todd than on Hillfield.

I am sure there is a much higher accident rate as well especially at the stone bridge.

Vehicles increase speed coming down the inclines traveling east and west.

What can be done to reduce the excessive speeding?

Vehicles are going 50-60 mph in a 25-mph zone on a dangerous road.

I would be happy to appear before the traffic authority to provide more information.

Regards,

Mike Corbey
90 West Todd St
203-500-9663
Solar flashing sign on Hillfield
Speed bumps end & reflective posts on hillside.
Hi Soraya
You did such a good job with the previous issue I thought I would bother you again I have complained numerous times in the past but nothing has been done to try to reduce the excessive spending in front of my home at 90 west Todd. We just had another accident this morning with a car hitting the stone bridge. We are located at a dip in the road where cars come flying down the hill in both directions. I know some things have been done at the western end of west Todd to reduce speeding but nothing at the end towards Shepard. What is the best way for me to get this addressed?
Thanks
Mike Carbray
90 west Todd
203-500-9663

Sent from my iPhone
---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: Sarah Clark <sarah.f.clark@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Nov 19, 2020 at 1:52 PM
Subject: In support of a DOT road diet study for Spring Glen
To: John Sullivan <jsullivan@hamdenpd.com>

Dear Chief Sullivan,
We live on Haverford Street in the Spring Glen section of Hamden and are writing to express our strong support for DOT's proposed "road diet" study of Whitney Avenue from Skiff Street to Waite Street. (If it's possible to extend the study to include Whitney from Waite Street to the New Haven/Hamden line, we strongly support that proposal as well.)

We are very eager to learn how a road diet could potentially make this heavily travelled section of Whitney safer for drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists alike.

In addition, we understand that DOT will pay for the study (and, should it come to pass, a road diet installation itself), costing Hamden nothing, which is a very important consideration in light of our current financial state.

Thank you for whatever you can do to ensure that DOT's proposal to conduct this road diet study is accepted by the Town. And thank you for all you do to make Hamden's streets as safe as possible --

Sincerely,
Sarah Clark and Gus Spohn
187 Haverford Street
Hamden, CT 06517
Dear Chief Sullivan,

Hello. Can you answer a couple of questions for me regarding the road diet and the December TA meeting?

-- I'm about to write my neighbors to suggest that they write letters to you in support of DOT’s proposed road diet study. Is there a deadline by which you need the letters? And should they be addressed to you or to the Traffic Authority?

-- Regarding the December 14 meeting: Is it necessary to submit a "request to be added to the agenda" for the items discussed in the letter that Karlen Meinsen submitted for the TA's 11/9/20 meeting, by way of follow-up? (I'm asking on behalf of Karlen and the Hamden Traffic Collaborative.) Or will the requests in that letter be automatically moved to the "action items" section of the December agenda? I'm happy to resubmit the letter, but am not sure if it's necessary. If we should resubmit the letter/request, can you tell me the deadline for this -- just want to make sure I have it right!

Thanks in advance for your help!
Best wishes,
Sarah
203-248-8181
HAMDEN TRAFFIC AUTHORITY
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C/o Hamden Police Department
Attn.: Chief’s Office
2900 Dixwell Avenue
Hamden, CT 06518

Name (print): Susan K. White

Address: 89 Killdeer Rd. Hamden, CT 06517

Email: susankeilwhite@gmail.com

Phone Number: 214-406-7778

Reason for the request: Describe the observed traffic conditions on the street and/or at specific intersections.
Davis St. at Ridge Rd., entrance to East Rock Park, or at Hartford Turnpike.

Remedy requesting (if applicable):
I am requesting a crosswalk or bike crossing or even better, pedestrian signal at either intersection so that my children, and I can safely cross Davis to enter East Rock Park, the one public place near our home to go enjoy nature and to walk the dog.
HAMDEN TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

Request for the Installation of a Speed Hump

To: Hamden Traffic Authority (HTA)

In accordance with the Hamden Traffic Authority procedures, I am submitting this request for the installation of Speed Hump(s) on

Street: 371 Pine Rock Ave
Between: Jones Road, and Wood Street (Intersecting Streets)

I am a resident on this street and if this request is accepted by the Hamden Traffic Authority, I understand that it will be necessary to obtain a signed petition indicating that 75% of the residents of this street approve the installation of the Speed Hump(s).

This request is subject to review by the Hamden Traffic Authority.

There is no guarantee that this request will be accepted.

Print Name: Tyiesha Shields and Jason Walter
Signature

Date 11/22/20

Address 371 Pine Rock Ave, Hamden, CT

Telephone 2034019049 Email tyiesha.shields@anthem.com

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HTA Receipt Date: By:
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To Hamden Traffic Authority,
Per the instructions on the request forms, I am submitting 2 forms regarding a traffic calming request for the lower portion of Haverford Street between Lansdowne and Whitney. I have attached the form requesting to be added to the Traffic Authority agenda. I have also attached the form requesting the installation of a speed hump.

My family and I live at 83 Haverford on one of the two curves on lower Haverford. Having lived here for the last five years, and spent countless mornings, afternoons, and evenings in the front yard playing with our two young children and their friends, I can attest to the need. More than a dozen elementary-age children live on this section of lower Haverford Street. Grandchildren also are frequent visitors to homes on this stretch of Haverford. Because of the Walgreens, this segment of Haverford also sees a high volume of middle school and high school kids riding bikes to and from the Walgreens from other areas of the neighborhood. An infrequent observer or one-time analyst might assume that the two curves in the road are themselves traffic calming factors; unfortunately the exact opposite is true. The two curves actually serve to entice myriad drivers to treat this road segment like a race track - NASCAR or Indy style. A substantial percentage of drivers actually use the curves to speed up while crossing the center line to hug the inside portion of each curve. In our five years alone, at least three parked cars on the curves have been victims of hit and run accidents. On numerous other occasions cars have had to leave the roadway and travel through front yards and over sidewalks to avoid head-on collisions due to cars crossing the center line in attempts to speed up a la NASCAR. A speed hump immediately before the two curves, or between the two curves, would significantly improve the safety on the street for moving cars, parked cars, pedestrians, and the numerous young kids playing, bike riding, etc.

Thank you,
Ryan Ott
83 Haverford St.
203-8006770
HAMDEN TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

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c/o Hamden Police Department

Attn.: Chief's Office

2900 Dixwell Avenue

Hamden, CT 06518

Name (print): RYAN OTT

Address: 83 HAVERFORD ST.

Email: RYANOTT273@gmail.com

Phone Number: 203 800 6770

Reason for the request: Describe the observed traffic conditions on the street and/or at specific intersections.

  **Speeding and crossing over center line**

  **On Haverford St. between Whitney Ave. and Landsdowne.**

Remedy requesting (if applicable): **Installation of speed hump between Whitney Avenue and Landsdowne.**
HAMDEN TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

Request for the Installation of a Speed Hump

To: Hamden Traffic Authority (HTA)

In accordance with the Hamden Traffic Authority procedures, I am submitting this request for the installation of Speed Hump(s) on

Street: 83 HAVENFORD ST.
Between: LANDSDOWNE and WHITNEY AVE. (Intersecting Streets)

I am a resident on this street and if this request is accepted by the Hamden Traffic Authority, I understand that it will be necessary to obtain a signed petition indicating that 75% of the residents of this street approve the installation of the Speed Hump(s).

This request is subject to review by the Hamden Traffic Authority.

There is no guarantee that this request will be accepted.

Print Name: RYAN OTT

Signature

Date 11/29/20

Address 83 HAVENFORD ST. Hamden, CT

Telephone 203 800 6770 Email RYANOTT246GMAIL.COM

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HTA Receipt Date: By:
February 18, 2020

Dear Traffic Commission,

My name is Kelly Branin (147 Ardmore St), and I am one of the members of the newly resurrected Spring Glen Traffic Committee. We are looking forward to working with the Commission to address traffic/safety concerns for our neighborhood going forward.

While we have shared a survey with the neighborhood asking for their current concerns and look forward to addressing these with you in the near future, we are aware that there was previous work completed by our predecessor, Ron Remer.

While looking through 2018 documentation, we found multiple items that had been previously submitted to the Traffic Committee for action, which we would like an update on. Specifically,

- The results of the School Zone Study that was completed in June 2018
- The Traffic Study on Spring Glen portion of Whitney Ave.
- Speed monitoring devices on Whitney
- Update school zone signs and flashing lights
- The request for More traffic enforcement
- Red-light running cameras

As previously identified, speed on Whitney Ave continues to be a high concern for the neighborhood. In addition to the above, we also recommend adding speed limit signs (preferably solar powered light up), and a cross walk between Santa Fe and Ardmore Street, would be a request of ours.

Also, according to multiple posts on Mayor Lang’s Facebook page, stemming from the February 2018 Mayor’s Night Out, it would seem the town is already taking action with School Zone signage, safety enhancements, and traffic enforcement. Would you please share specifics on what has been done already, so we have a better understanding on where we should focus our energy.

Additional focus items will be shared with the Commission as we move forward. However, Considering Spring Glen has been raising concerns to the Committee for years, we are eager to start seeing results.

We’d like the opportunity to discuss this letter, as well as introduce ourselves at the 3/9 meeting.

Thank you,
Kelly Branin
Dear Chief Sullivan, Chairman Iezzi, and Members of the Traffic Authority,

Greetings. We hope you are all doing well. We are writing to ask if you could kindly share additional information, at your December 14 Traffic Authority meeting, about a few requests raised in the letters we submitted for the November 9 meeting (letters are attached below). The November minutes, while very comprehensive, do not cover a couple of these points, and we’d be grateful for further clarification.

Please accept our apologies if you have already planned to share this information at the December meeting: we couldn’t be sure, and since we’re not able to ask questions during the Traffic Authority meetings, we thought this letter might be the best way to follow up.

1. **School zone signage.** The minutes indicate that this request will be designated as an “action item,” which is great news: we are looking forward to learning more at the December meeting. We are especially interested in knowing whether signs will be made available for all five of the schools specified in our letter -- Spring Glen School, St. Rita’s School, Hamden High School, The Children’s Center, and Hamden Hall -- and if not, what else can be done to make Whitney and other streets adjacent to the schools safer for students.

2. **More 30 mph signs on Whitney from Skiff to the New Haven line.** The minutes do not mention 30 mph signs specifically, and we’re wondering if, like the school zone signs, these will be addressed at the December meeting as an “action item.”

3. **More permanent speed monitors on Whitney from Skiff to the New Haven line.** The minutes state that “Chief Sullivan approved Radar Speed Monitors and street enforcement,” which is terrific. Could you tell us approximately when the monitors will be installed and where they will be placed? We would also appreciate any update you can give us on enforcement efforts since the last Traffic Authority meeting as well as plans for future enforcement on this stretch of the Avenue.

4. **Traffic-calming study of Whitney.** Among other things, our letter had asked for a traffic-calming study of Whitney from Skiff to the New Haven line. But in light of the very welcome news at last month’s meeting that a DOT-financed road diet might be in the future for Whitney in Spring Glen -- and ideally in Whitneyville as well -- it seems prudent to postpone a comprehensive traffic-calming study until more is known about DOT’s plans.

Thank you for your help, as always, and

Kind regards,

Karlen Meinsen and Kelly Branin
Karlen Meinsen, Chair, Hamden Traffic Collaborative
Kelly Branin, Spring Glen Traffic Calming Committee
October 26, 2020

Dear Members of the Traffic Commission,

I am writing today to share some feedback on behalf of the Hamden Traffic Collaborative Committee, and also to relay some requests.

First, we want to thank you, and especially Acting Chief Sullivan, for the tremendous amount of work that has been done in the last few months in response to requests from citizens for traffic calming. We appreciate the speed with which requests are being handled; the new procedures you have created for communicating with citizens; the speed hump decision-making process that has been developed and its availability online; and the new online forms that help citizens understand how to work with the Commission.

These changes are making it much easier for citizens to know what to do and what to expect when they have traffic-related concerns. We think these steps toward increased transparency, efficiency, and responsiveness are terrific.

Second, we are writing to respectfully ask that you add to your November 9, 2020, agenda a letter submitted at the Commission’s March meeting by Hamden resident Kelly Branin. A copy of the letter is attached below.

Some of the issues outlined in Kelly’s letter were discussed briefly at the March 9 TA meeting, but other concerns remain or continue, and we would appreciate it if you would review the letter again.

We’d also like to expand a bit on some of the points in Kelly’s letter. In particular, we’d like to ask for the following:

1) More “school zone” signs. In her letter, Kelly requested the results of the 2018 School Zone Study. In addition, we wonder if additional signs are needed for Spring Glen School (Northbound (NB)), St. Rita’s School (Southbound (SB)), and both Hamden High and Hamden Hall (there appear to be no school-zone signs for either of these schools in place at present). We are also requesting that a school zone be established around The Children’s Center on Whitney.
2) **More 30 mph signs and permanent speed monitors.** We would like to request that permanent speed monitors, and also more 30 mph signs, be installed both NB and SB all along Whitney Avenue from the New Haven border to Skiff Street.

The shockingly high speeds displayed on the temporary speed monitors recently placed on Whitney in Spring Glen make it clear that many drivers either do not know the speed limit in this area, or do not care. Having more 30 mph signs and permanent speed monitors, together with the additional school zone signs mentioned above, should go a long way toward reminding drivers, both local and out-of-towners, about the legal limits and expectations for this entire stretch of Whitney, which is used not only by cars, trucks, and motorcycles, but also by bicyclists and many, many children, older folks, runners, and other pedestrians.

3) **Request for a Traffic-Calming Study of Whitney from the New Haven border to Skiff Street.** We would like to respectfully request that a formal traffic-calming study of Whitney between the New Haven line and Skiff Street, like the studies that have been done for many other streets in town, be conducted as soon as possible. This stretch of roadway serves not only two of Hamden’s many iconic neighborhoods, but also a huge number of residents from everywhere in town (and beyond). We are eager to see a comprehensive analysis of the traffic-related issues on this section of Whitney, and the kinds of recommendations a study might make to slow traffic down and improve the roadway’s safety for all.

Thank you for considering these requests. And thanks for all you do to protect the safety of all who travel Hamden’s streets, pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers alike.

Sincerely,

Karlen Meinsen

Karlen Meinsen, Chair
The Hamden Traffic Collaborative Committee
October 28, 2020

David A. Sawicki, Executive Director
Office of the State Traffic Administration
Connecticut Department of Transportation
2800 Berlin Turnpike
Newington, CT 06131

Re: Town of Hamden
Request for Through Truck Prohibition
Todd Street and West Woods Road

Dear Mr. Sawicki,

In reference to the Department’s letter of August 24, 2020 and recommendations from Mr. Flannery, regarding truck prohibition by weight limits, we further investigated roadway condition and geometric characteristics in order to consider truck prohibition for both facilities. The Bridge at Todd Street was inspected in 2012 and rated as satisfactory, and therefore, it doesn’t qualify for truck prohibition by weight limits. West Wood Road has no bridges and/or culverts, and therefore, weight limit restriction cannot be applied.

Our engineering assessment of both streets concludes that Through Trucks must be prohibited on both Todd Street and West Woods Road for protection and safety of the abutting residents. As noted in our previous documentation, both streets have narrow travel lanes at several horizontal curves inherently causing safety issues for both motorists and pedestrians.

The study that was submitted with our letter of July 27, 2020 is based on the controlling criteria as stated by the OSTA to allow for rerouting of through trucks from the subject roadways. The study concluded that sight line along both roads are below the acceptable criteria, particularly with the higher speeds experienced along each corridor. The roads are narrow with many curves, which inhibits passing with on-coming vehicles in few areas. Both corridors have several locations with sharp, abrupt curvatures, and display sight distance deficiencies. These curves also present problems for larger trucks, as do grades, particularly on Todd Street.

The residents on both streets are very concerned about safety, noise, number and speed of truck traffic. We kindly request your concurrence and approval for restricting through trucks on these local residential streets.

Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

John Sullivan
Acting Chief of Police
Local Traffic Authority

Enclosure: RESPONSE FROM OSTA AUGUST 24, 2020
From: Flannery, Eamon P. <Eamon.Flannery@ct.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 1:25 PM
To: John Sullivan <jsullivan@hamdenpd.com>
Cc: Sawicki, David A <David.Sawicki@ct.gov>; Jurczyk, James M <James.Jurczyk@ct.gov>; Fatu, Natasha A <Natasha.Fatu@ct.gov>
Subject: RE: Request for Through Truck Prohibitions - Hamden - Todd Street and West Woods Road

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Chief Sullivan,

This is in response to your July 27, 2020 letter requesting Through Truck Prohibitions on Todd Street and West Woods road in the Town of Hamden.

A “Thru Truck” is defined as a truck which travels from a point outside of the limits of a city, town, or borough in Connecticut through such city, town, or borough without any scheduled stop in such locality. Any truck originating or having a destination within a city, town or borough is not subject to such prohibition within that city, town or borough.

Considering the above and the roadway network in the area, travel to/from adjacent towns via Todd Street and West Woods Road would involve numerous turns and other local roads. For these reasons it is unlikely that trucks would find travel to adjacent towns via these roadways more convenient than travel via nearby state routes. For these reasons, both Todd Street and West Woods Road would not be considered viable Thru Truck routes and thus would not qualify for the establishment of Through Truck prohibitions. It is more likely that these roadways are being used as cut-throughs for local truck traffic that do have an origin, destination or scheduled stop in Hamden. Therefore, even if a Thru Truck Prohibition was implemented, it would not be the most effective approach to resolving your concerns of truck traffic using these roadways.

It is recommended that the Town consider installing a prohibition by weight class ordinance (which does not require approval by the OSTA). This prohibition would prohibit local trucks and any trucks using these roadways as a local cut-through that exceed the determined weight class. The weight class should be determined by investigating which types of vehicles are required to use these roadways (oil delivery, mail delivery, school buses, etc.) and prohibiting vehicles that exceed said determined limit.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions. Thank you

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For use on Town roads only with Sign No. 31-1002  Weight Limit sign.

Dimensions are in Inches
Material: .080 Thick Sheet Aluminum
Engineer: OSTA / Designed By: J. Fascione / Checked By:_____
Ground Mounted

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MUTCD
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