



HAMDEN TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

Via Zoom
Monday, April 12, 2021
Agenda
5:30 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF MEETING, MARCH 16, 2021. (Note: Minutes of February 8, 2021 are still being revised. They will be presented for acceptance as soon as possible.)**

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS ONLY

1. Walter Lewis- Letter not in support of speed humps on Haverford Street.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Karlen Meinsen- Request for traffic calming needs for pedestrian, students, and vehicle safety on Dixwell Avenue with backup data of recent accidents and pedestrian injury.
2. Lori A. Brochin, 111 Vernon Street - Request two Stop signs at the intersection of Fairview Avenue and Second Street.
3. Robert Silvestri, 1140 Mount Carmel Avenue- Follow up to the TA meeting on March 16th, implores that the TA consider roundabouts as an effective means to reduce speeding.

5. DEPARTMENT REPORT

- a. Review of Department Activities and LTA Updates

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Pam Franco, 210 Woodin Street- Requesting a Stop Sign on Woodin Street between Pine Rock and Fairview. **(LTA UPDATE) (ACTION ITEM)**

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Ryan Ott, 83 Haverford Street, 06517 - Requesting Traffic Calming and Speed Humps on Haverford Street between Lansdowne Street and Whitney Avenue. **(TABLED) (LTA UPDATE) (ACTION ITEM)**
- b) Ron Shea, 19 North Street- Requests to install of Stop Signs at Warren Street (Westbound) and Dix Street (Eastbound). **(TABLED) (LTA UPDATE) (ACTION ITEM)**
- c) Speed Hump Petition Initiative- Petition Results of 5 roadways: **(LTA UPDATE) (ACTION ITEM)**
 - Cherry Ann
 - North Street
 - Vantage Rd/Benham Street
 - Village Circle
 - Westerfield

- b) Speed Hump Petition Initiative:

	SPEED HUMPS - PETITIONS PENDING				
	REQUESTOR			PETITION	
	Last Name	First Name	Location	Date	#
1	Cuomo	Anthony	Marne Street	3/31/2021	14

8. ADJOURNMENT



TOWN OF HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT TRAFFIC AUTHORITY

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Meeting Minutes: The Traffic Authority, Town of Hamden, held a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting. The Zoom meeting recording link and passcode are below for viewing. The following topics were discussed:

Please click the link below to view the Traffic Authority meeting recording:

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Commissioners in Attendance:

Michael Iezzi, Chairman
Cherlyn Poindexter
Mitchell Strickland
Larry Esposito

Staff in attendance:

Nancy Forvil, Clerk

Others in attendance:

Chief of Police, John Sullivan
Deputy Chief of Police, Bo Kicak
Jim Mesner, Traffic Technician

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman, Michael Iezzi called the meeting to order at 5:34 P.M. A roll call was conducted by the Commission Clerk, Nancy Forvil. Chairman, Michael Iezzi, Commissioners Cherlyn Poindexter, Larry Esposito and Mitchel Strickland were present. Chief of Police, John Sullivan, Deputy Chief of Police, Bo Kicak, and Hamden Traffic Engineer, Jim Mesner were also present.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF MEETING, FEBRUARY 8, 2021.

(Review delayed until April meeting, pending the revision of text)

Commissioner, Mitchell Strickland made a motion to accept the February 8, 2021 meeting minutes with review and revision until the April 2021 meeting. Commissioner, Cherlyn Poindexter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS ONLY

1. Sarah Clark & Gus Spohn- Letter of support for Ryan Ott's request for one or two speed humps on Haverford Street between Lansdowne and Whitney Avenue.
2. Sarah Clark & Gus Spohn- Letter of support for Karlen Meinsen request for spoken input from the public during public comments on Traffic Authority Agenda.
3. Robert Hoppenstedt- Letter of support for Ryan Ott's request for a speed hump on Haverford Street between Lansdowne and Whitney Avenue.
4. Oren Birman- Request for a speed calming measures on Haverford Street and near Whitney Avenue.
5. Elaine Dove- Request for spoken input from the public during public comments on Traffic Authority Agenda.
6. Evelyn Cumberbatch- Request for spoken input from the public during public comments on Traffic Authority Agenda.
7. Diane Hoffman- Request for spoken input from the public during public comments on Traffic Authority Agenda.
8. Phil Cronan- Request for spoken input from the public during public comments on Traffic Authority Agenda.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Sadie Witherspoon, 177 Helen Street-Request for Handicapped Parking Space at 177 Helen Street.

Chief Sullivan Recommendations: Hamden Traffic Technician, Jim Mesner evaluated the request for Handicapped Parking Space at 177 Helen Street and believed that the location was favorable for a Handicap parking space.

Commissioner, Larry Esposito made a motion to approve the request for Handicapped Parking Space at 177 Helen Street. Commissioner, Mitchell Strickland seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

2. Joumana Ramadan, 35 Saint Mary Street-Request for Handicapped Parking Space at 35 Saint Mary Street.

Chief Sullivan Recommendations: Hamden Traffic Technician, Jim Mesner evaluated the request for Handicapped Parking Space at 35 Saint Mary Street and believed that the location was favorable for a Handicap parking space.

Commissioner, Larry Esposito made a motion to approve the request for Handicapped Parking Space at 35 Saint Mary Street. Commissioner, Mitchell Strickland seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

3. Robert Silvestri, 1140 Mount Carmel Avenue- (Speeding) - Suggest installing two roundabouts, one at the intersection of Chestnut and the other at the intersection of Kings Highway.

Chairman Iezzi and Chief Sullivan Recommendations: Request will require research, conduct a Traffic study and review of funding.

4. Pam Franco, 210 Woodin Street- Requesting a Stop Sign on Woodin Street between Pine Rock and Fairview.

Chief Sullivan Recommendations: The request for a Stop Sign on Woodin Street between Pine Rock and Fairview will need to be evaluated by the Hamden Traffic Technician, Jim Mesner before a recommendation is made.

5. Karlen Meisen- Request that the Commission reinstates members of the public to speak live during Traffic Authority meetings.
6. Ryan Ott, 83 Haverford Street- Request clarification on the process and procedure regarding the Haverford Street Speed Hump and questions regarding community input.
7. Thomas Cooley, Morse Street - In light of the recent crash; would like to know what measures have been taken on Morse to slow down traffic.

Chief Sullivan Recommendations: Enforcement will be conducted in the area. The crash is still under investigation. There are various factors that caused the accident; speeding may have played a role in the crash. A Uconn crash study can be requested and in the meantime provide some calming measures in the area.

5. DEPARTMENT REPORT

a. Review of Department Activities

Continuing with the Traffic Review Enforcement Program below are some of the streets that were inducted for selective enforcement. They were conducted by the traffic and patrol units

Streets	Selective enforcement
Westerfield Road	17
Woodin Street	3
Pine Rock Avenue	17
Brook and Wintergreen	1 selective 1 radar
Brook Street	1 selective 1 radar
Vantage & Harrison	4 selective
Vantage	3
Harrison	1
Cherry Ann Street	1
Broadway Street	1
Augur Street	1
Cherry Ann Street	3
Pine Rock Avenue near Gilbert	1
Pine Rock Avenue	17
Gilbert Avenue	6
Whitney Avenue & Waite Street	10
Whitney Avenue	23
Waite Street	7
Mary Knoll	5
West Side Drive	5
West Todd Street	5
Hightop Circle	2
Todd Street	5 (4 selective, 1 radar)
North Street	1
Fairview	2
Tuttle Avenue	3
West Todd Street (near Shepard)	2
West Todd Street (canal)	6

6. NEW BUSINESS (ACTION ITEM)

- a) Justine Bittle-Ford - Request for the Installation of a Speed Hump on Helen Street, at the corner of Helen Street & Fairview Avenue.

Chief Sullivan Recommendations: The recommendation is to deny the request for the Installation of a Speed Hump on Helen Street and Fairview due to both streets classified as major collectors. Helen Street is on the emergency street list. In January 2021, Speed volume counts were conducted by the Department of Transportation monitoring Fairview and Helen Street for three days. Out of 10,000 monitored vehicles 42% of motorist drove under the speed limit of 25mph.

Commissioner, Mitchell Strickland made a motion to deny the request for the Installation of a Speed Hump on Helen Street, at the corner of Helen Street & Fairview Avenue. Commissioner, Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

- b) Justin Bittle-Ford - Application for Handicapped Parking Space at 171 Helen Street.

Chief Sullivan Recommendations: Hamden Traffic Technician, Jim Mesner evaluated the request for Handicapped Parking Space at 171 Helen Street and believed that the location was favorable for a Handicap parking space.

Commissioner, Larry Esposito made a motion to approve the Application for a Handicapped Parking Space at 171 Helen Street. Commissioner, Mitchell Strickland seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

- c) Ron Shea, 19 North Street- Requests to install of Stop Signs at Warren Street (westbound) and Dix Street (eastbound) and to reinstall the “No Parking This Side” signs down on the north side of North Street that were blown away by storm.

Chief Sullivan Recommendations: The Requests to install of Stop Signs at Warren Street will be TABLED, pending the outcome of the results regarding the petition of a speed hump requested by Mrs. Wellington. The petition request have been extended through March 31st, 2021. Chief Sullivan recommends to reinstall the “No Parking This Side” signs down on the north side of North Street.

Commissioner, Mitchell Strickland made a motion to TABLE the requests to install of Stop Signs at Warren Street (westbound) and Dix Street (eastbound) and to approve the request to reinstall the “No Parking This Side” signs down on the north side of North Street. Commissioner, Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

7. OLD BUSINESS (ACTION ITEM)

- a) Davis Street/ Todd Street - Review for Approval of Proposed Ordinance - Truck "Weight Limit" Restriction. (Michael Rieger, 315 Davis Street, 036517.) Community Member requested a reduction in truck traffic, leading to this restriction.) 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. Weight Limit Restriction signage. THIS ITEM WAS TABLED AT THE NOVEMBER 9, DECEMBER 14 AND FEBRUARY 8 MEETINGS.

Chief Sullivan Recommendations: If approved by the Traffic Authority the weight comparison and proposed ordinance will be submitted by the Town Attorney, Sue Gruen, to the legislative council and to be voted on. The weight limit will need to be confirmed prior. Chief Sullivan recommends that there is a 14,000 pound weight restriction with the exception for flat bed, dump trucks, state trucks, fuel trucks and school buses.

Commissioner, Mitchell Strickland made a motion to approve the Proposed Ordinance – Truck "Weight Limit" at 14,000 Restriction with the exception for flat bed, dump trucks, state trucks, fuel trucks and school buses. Commissioner, Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

b) Susan K. White, 89 Killdeer Road, 06517 - Requesting a crosswalk or bike crossing, or a pedestrian signal either on Davis Street at the Ridge Road entrance to East Rock Park or at Hartford Turnpike. ITEM TABLED FROM LAST TA MEETING.

Chief Sullivan Recommendations: The Town Engineer, Mark Austin confirmed that the Towns side walk expansion project is in the process to included Davis Street and possible pedestrian signaling phase at the intersection of Davis Street, Ridge Road and Hartford Turnpike. The side walk expansion project is expected to begin in Summer 2022.

Commissioner, Mitchell Strickland made a motion to deny the request for a crosswalk or bike crossing, or a pedestrian signal either on Davis Street at the Ridge Road entrance to East Rock Park or at Hartford Turnpike. Commissioner, Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

c) Ryan Ott, 83 Haverford Street, 06517 - Requesting Traffic Calming and Speed Humps on Haverford Street between Lansdowne Street and Whitney Avenue. ITEM TABLED FROM LAST TA MEETING.

Chief Sullivan Recommendations: The results of the January 2021 (4-12 speed and volume study) 20.44% of the 1194 vehicles were recorded as traveling at or below the 25 mph speed limit. There were a total of 4,244 vehicles 72.66% traveled between the 26-35 mph. The 85 percentile of vehicles traveled at 32.9 mph speed limit range. The traditional enforcement rate occurs at speeds greater than 35mph which applied to 6.9% or 403. The highest speeds were recording between 46-50 mph. A second speed volume study will be conducted on Haverford Street in late March 2021. Chief Sullivan would like confirm if the January results are a trend or a deviation from the normal levels of traffic. The March results will be presented at the April 2021 TA meeting. Traffic Technician, Jim Mesner will conduct the study.

Commissioner, Mitchell Strickland made a motion to deny the request for a crosswalk or bike crossing, or a pedestrian signal either on Davis Street at the Ridge Road entrance to East Rock Park or at Hartford Turnpike. Commissioner, Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

d) Mike Carbray, 90 West Todd Street-Request information regarding Accident Rate.
(UPDATE FROM LTA)

Chief Sullivan Recommendations: Stop signs have been installed between Misty Meadows Lane and Chatham Street. Speed limit signs, Flashing and warning lights have been installed. Speed compliance units have been installed on West Todd Street, east and west bounds. Accident rates were requested by Mr. Carbray and A Uconn crash study from January 2018 through March 2021 recorded of 19 crashes on West Todd Street. Four of the crashes involved young adults ages 14 to 25. One crash involved a DUI, and three crashes were at the intersection of West Todd and Still Hill Road. Sixteen crashes were at unknown intersections on the road.

e) Myla J. Wilson, 30 Penn Street, 06514- Reports traffic issues at the Oakwood Child Care Center, 495 Benham Street. Requesting installing a Raised Crosswalk and/or a Speed Hump. Also reporting vehicles do not stop at the Stop Sign at Harrison Drive and Vantage Road. Request Traffic Calming at these locations. ITEM (Speed hump) WAS DENIED FROM LAST TA MEETING. ITEM (raised side walk) TABLED FROM LAST TA MEETING.

Chief Sullivan Recommendations: The Town Engineer, Mark Austin confirmed that the Towns side walk expansion project is expected to begin in Summer 2022.

Commissioner, Mitchell Strickland made a motion to deny the request for a installing a Raised Crosswalk and/or a Speed Hump on Benham Street. Commissioner, Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

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. ITEM TABLED FROM LAST TA MEETING.

Chief Sullivan Recommendations: Signage and irons came in to be installed. Chief Sullivan will follow up with “call before you dig” before signs are installed. Priority one signage will be installed first on Dixwell Avenue for Hamden Middle School and Hamden High School. Signs should be installed by March 2021.

g) Jonathan Corillo, 1580 Whitney Avenue and the CT DOT - Review for Approval of Resolution for the potential Road Diet" in Hamden, CT Project 0170-3480.

Chief Sullivan Recommendations: The Road Diet received positive feedback from the public and Chief Sullivan recommends to approve the Road Diet. Enclosed is the draft letter to the DOT as well as the resolution for review and to be voted on. The Road Diet will be extended to the New Haven line and will collaborate with the City of New Haven.

Commissioner, Mitchell Strickland made a motion to approve the 1580 Whitney Avenue CT DOT Project 0170-3480 and the Resolution for the potential Road Diet. Commissioner, Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

h) Karlen Meisen - Follow-up on correspondence to the Traffic Authority. The Chief noted that draft policies remain under review. I will keep you and the Traffic Authority updated on our progress.

Chief Sullivan Response: Karlen Meisen submitted documents title Hamden Traffic Calming Policy drafted 8/15/2011 requesting that the Traffic Authority updated the documents with current Traffic Authority Policy regarding traffic calming measures. Chief Sullivan provided the Traffic team to update the 8/15/2011 draft. The draft was updated specifically in section of traffic calming, tools, the process, and a flow chart for traffic calming measures. The Traffic team is in the process of formalizing the draft to become a manual for resource procedures, street evaluation, samples of data and detailed instructions regarding use. One the process is complete, Chief Sullivan will review the document and submit it to Karlen Meisen, Chairman Iezzi and the Traffic Authority Commission for critique and comments. Street classifications, emergency street listings, DOT average daily traffic counts, Hamden traffic speed and volume counts, Uconn crash data, racial profile database, consultant evaluations and recommendations and traffic flow charts will be added to the Hamden Traffic Calming Policy Draft of 8/15/2011. The draft may be completed in April 2021.

i) Speed Hump Petition Initiative-To date, my office has sent 261 Speed Hump Petition letters to the residents of 6 roadways. All Petitions for Speed Hump Petition Initiatives have been approved to be extended until March 31, 2021.

TA SPEED HUMPS - PETITIONS PENDING					
	REQUESTOR			PETITION	
	Last Name	First Name	Location	Date	#
1	Cuomo	Anthony	Marne Street	TABLED - REVIEW	
2	Lees	Nicole	Village Circle	11/16/2020	32
3	Oliver	Tyrone	Cherry Ann Street	1/26/2021	50
4	Smith	Lori	Vantage Road and Benham Street	1/11/2021	113
5	Wethington	Nethsia	North Street	1/5/2021	50
6	Wilson-Peters	Evelyn	Westerfield Road	1/26/2021	16

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION
(There were no Executive Sessions)

9. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner, Larry Esposito made a motion to adjourn the March 16, 2021 meeting. Commissioner, Mitchell Strickland seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:22 PM.

From: [Walter Lewis](#)
To: hta@hamden.com
Cc: [Soraya Antonini](#)
Subject: Speed bump
Date: Thursday, March 18, 2021 09:14:46

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Hello,

I live around Haverford St, and I was just notified of the speed hump project being proposed. I've heard that the traffic authority will survey the area, and I would like to provide my input before they do so. I do not support building the speed hump, because it's not needed. I have lived around lower Haverford street my entire life, and I have never seen one person speeding. I personally know 4 people who agree with my observation. Why should the town build a speed hump to stop speeding, if there is no speeding? The project will waste my tax money instead of putting it to good use.

Thanks,
Walter

From: [Karlen Meinsen](#)
To: [Soraya Antonini](#); [John Sullivan](#)
Cc: Michael.DAgostino@cga.ct.gov; miezzi@hamdenpd.com
Subject: Letter of Concern: April Traffic Authority
Date: Sunday, March 21, 2021 20:23:31

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Greetings,

I am submitting a letter for the April TA Meeting.

Correspondence from:
Karlen Meinsen
80 Santa Fe Avenue, Hamden
sgtrafficalming@gmail.com
(203)685-5893

Concern:

Traffic calming needs for pedestrian, student, and vehicle safety on Dixwell Avenue with backup data of recent accidents and pedestrian injury.

Remedy:

Multiple traffic calming measures need to be taken, especially at crosswalks and intersections. Enforcement, light timing, speed tables, and dealing with red light runners (cameras on traffic lights?) are just some of the ideas. Expert resources and the State DOT should also be tapped into.

 [Dixwell Ave Collaborative Final 3 19 21.docx](#)

19 March 2021

Mr. Michael Iezzi, Chair
Hamden Traffic Authority
(via email to santonini@hamdenpd.com, miezzi@hamdenpd.com)

Dear Chairman Iezzi and Traffic Authority Commissioners,

We read with great concern Captain Ron Smith's March 10, 2021, news release (below) reporting a 10 percent increase in Hamden motor vehicle accidents involving pedestrian injuries in 2020 – and announcing that 45 percent of those accidents took place on Dixwell Avenue.

Prompted by this news, we are writing, with respect, to request that, you, Chief Sullivan, and the Traffic Department engage with our State representatives and Connecticut's Department of Transportation (DOT) to identify and implement as many traffic-calming measures as possible to reduce Dixwell's unsafe conditions.

We make this request because

- statistics like those reported by Captain Smith – together with many, many comments from citizens on social media – confirm that Dixwell is among the most dangerous roadways in Hamden.
- the safety of our children is of paramount concern. Dixwell is the site of the town's two largest schools, Hamden High School and Hamden Middle School. Students at the High School are especially vulnerable to unsafe traffic conditions because so many walk to and from school during the day and also in the evening for sports, after-school activities, and to access nearby shops and restaurants.
- the southern part of Dixwell sees frequent use at all times of day by pedestrians crossing the thoroughfare to access buses and retail and commercial establishments.

For these reasons, we believe Dixwell Avenue deserves immediate attention.

We also believe that southern Hamden in general deserves a closer look at traffic-safety issues and at traffic-calming opportunities. Many other parts of town have benefited from the important work your commission has done to make streets safer. For reasons of equity, coupled with the disturbing percentage of pedestrian-involved crashes on Dixwell last year, it seems very appropriate to focus on Dixwell Avenue at this time.

We strongly support DOT's recent initiative regarding the Road Diet on Whitney Avenue, another major thoroughfare that sees heavy use by both pedestrians and motorists. Since Dixwell Avenue, like Whitney Avenue, is a State Road, we hope you will be able to encourage DOT to apply its expertise and funding to improve safety on Dixwell, too. In expectation that they might assist in coordinating with DOT, we have copied Senator Jorge Cabrera and Representative Michael D'Agostino on this letter, as well as Chief Sullivan, who has worked very

hard on the Whitney Road Diet. Although large-scale improvements might have been difficult in the past, perhaps we can hope that the kinds of infrastructure improvements and funding now under discussion by President Biden's administration and Secretary of Transportation Buttigieg will make large-scale, DOT-funded improvements to Dixwell more likely.

Thank you for considering this request and especially for recognizing its urgency. Lives and safety are at stake. We appreciate your support and your work, as always.

With kind regards,
Karlen Meinsen
Chair, Hamden Traffic-Calming Collaborative
Chair, Spring Glen Civic Association Traffic and Safety Committee

Cc: The Honorable Jorge Cabrera, The Honorable Michael D'Agostino, Hamden Chief of Police John Sullivan

News

3/10/2021 - 3/10/21-Motor Vehicle Accidents Involving Pedestrians -
Statistics and Safety Tips
NEWS RELEASE

Date: March 10, 2021

Contact: Captain Ronald Smith

Phone: (203) 230-4029

PIO#: 21-40

In 2020, the Hamden Police Department investigated 31 motor vehicle accidents, involving pedestrians that have sustained injuries. This is a 10% increase from 2019. Approximately 45% of these accidents have occurred on Dixwell Avenue.

The Hamden Police Department urges pedestrians to:

- Cross the street within a marked crosswalk.
- Use the sidewalk, if available.
- If there are no sidewalks, cross at the corner.
- Walk on the shoulder on the roadway, if there is no sidewalk. Do not walk in the street.

- Avoid crossing the street between parked vehicles.
- AVOID DISTRACTIONS. Do not cross the street while talking on the cell phone or texting. Please pay attention to your surroundings.

HAMDEN TRAFFIC AUTHORITY
Request to Be Added to the Traffic Authority Agenda

To be placed on the agenda, your request must be submitted to the office of the Chief of Police by the 20th day of the current month. Your request will be added to the forthcoming 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

c/o Hamden Police Department or email to: santonini@hamdenpd.com or by Fax: (203) 288-4876

Attn.: Chief's Office

2900 Dixwell Avenue

Hamden, CT 06518

Name (print): Lori Brochin

Address: 111 Vernon Street

Email: lori.brochin@marcumllp.com

Phone Number: 203-248-7727

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

I was involved in a very serious car accident on March 2, 2021, case #9666, at the corner of Fairview Avenue and Second Street. I stopped at the stop sign, and in thinking that it was a 4 way stop, I proceeded to go straight and was hit by a speeding car approaching from the left. I understand that this is a regular occurrence at this exact location and I believe this to be a very dangerous intersection.

Remedy requesting (if applicable):

I kindly request that 2 additional stop signs be placed on Second Street at this intersection. The current small signs that were added to 2 of the corners are obviously not sufficient to prevent accidents. Both cars were totaled, and if the circumstances of this accident had been slightly different, I could have been seriously injured or even killed. The cost of 2 signs at this intersection is clearly worth the likelihood that future serious accidents will be avoided. Thank you for your consideration.

1140 Mount Carmel Avenue

Hamden, CT 06518-1610

March 18, 2021

Dear Members of the Hamden Traffic Authority,

I am writing to you today as a follow up to your meeting on March 16, 2021. You will recall that prior to that meeting, I had submitted a request to control speeding on Mount Carmel Avenue, roughly between the area of the Kings Highway intersection west to the top of the hill near the farm house at 977 Mount Carmel Avenue. My request included the suggestion of installing roundabouts at the Kings Highway intersection and at the Chestnut Lane intersection as a means to safely and orderly slow traffic. However, during your meeting on March 16, 2021, there was minimal discussion of this request. Rather, comments were made that a traffic study would be required and that such an undertaking may be expensive.

With today's letter to you, I am requesting that a traffic study be performed to examine the consistent and habitual speeding that occurs in this area. In my opinion, such study will not take very long to indeed confirm that speeding is a problem, in addition to the running of the stop signs at the intersection of Kings Highway. I believe that such a study can be performed in one day, with strategic observations occurring during morning and evening rush hours, during the noontime lunch break period, and at other times coincident prior to the start of and after the ending of classes at Quinnipiac University. There should not be a large money expenditure to observe the problems.

Subsequent to the study to confirm that there is indeed a speeding problem, I am further requesting that the Authority examine meaningful methods to employ to mitigate the problem. As I posed in my earlier request, I sincerely doubt that speed humps and rumble strips will solve the problem, and the limited times that patrol cars with radar were established failed to send the message. Hence, I implore you to consider roundabouts as an effective means to reduce speeding without interfering with vehicle passage. But first, kindly verify to yourselves that there is a speeding problem here.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

-Robert Silvestri