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City Council of the City of Napa Regular Meeting December 7, 2021

FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NAPA:

AFTERNOON SESSION:

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1) Written communication from Tracey Nauright received on December 7, 2021.

Item 4. Public Comment

Hello, my name is Tracey Nauright and I moved downtown right by Fuller Park in the beginning of October. I'm here today because I am very concerned, and quite frankly terrified, about the insane speeding up and down both Laurel and Jefferson Streets, and also the ridiculous amount of drivers who don't stop at our intersection.

Being new to the neighborhood, I joined NextDoor. I saw post after post of people complaining about the driving situation. Being a mother of two grown daughters - I learned early on in my mommying career that if you want something done, you have to actually speak up and do something about it, versus just talk amongst your friends over coffee or wine. So, I jumped in head first and put up a post suggesting that us locals have to do something about it versus complain here, and was blown away by the responses. I've printed them out for you tonight for your reading pleasure, or kindling. You pick.

It seems that a lot of people aren't big on speaking publicly, so...if you are here tonight in support our coming together to fix this problem... can you please raise your hand?

I work out of my home. My Office and Living Room windows face Laurel Street. All day and all night long, I hear cars whirring past my house at crazy speeds... engines revving, gears shifting - it sounds more like Sear's point vs. a quaint Napa Valley residential neighborhood.

The intersection by my house is very, very concerning. I stand outside at different times of the day, and watch cars literally roll through the stop signs over and over again. Multiple times a day I hear people honking their horns at that intersection, very often followed by screaming and very colorful language. From what I remember learning in Driver's Ed a million years ago, those red octagonal things on the posts on street corners mean stop - please correct me if this information is out dated.

I have to add that I'm very concerned for the safety of the lovely 94 year old woman who lives on this corner with her adult handicapped son. My heart stops every time I hear someone honk or scream and pray no one has been hurt.

When I saw this message on our NextDoor discussion, I knew I had to share it with you, as this is a little too close to home, as in literally MY home.

Carolyn Passmore, Old Town - 23 Nov

"Two broken arms and stitches in face as two weeks ago I was run down in crosswalk at Laurel and Jefferson. Hit and run. I'm 80. 5:45 pm leaving Fuller Park. I'm alive with brain, great family and friends. Many blessings."

Thank goodness Carolyn was able to walk away from this.

Please, City Council, I beg you, please can we work together to find a solution for this before someone gets killed?

Thank you so very much for your time. If you need a citizen volunteer to help work through this with you to help figure out a solution and support your efforts, my contact information is in the packet I am giving you.

With the warmest of regards,

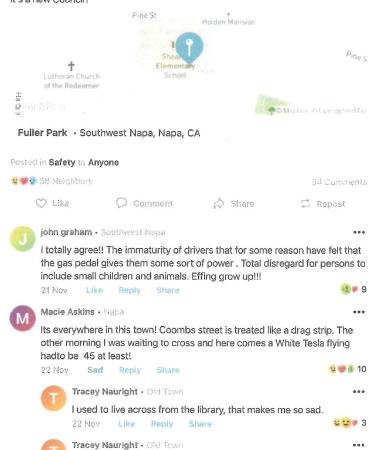
Tracey Nauright

NextDoor Post #1



Crazy Drivers. I just moved to the Fuller Park area, and I am absolutely blown away by how fast people are driving, and how people just blow through the stop signs... I am seeing so many posts about this, and I'm wondering if there have been any actual complaints made to the city about what's going on here? Is there a group in our neighborhood facilitating something like this? If not, perhaps we can... These people are crazy!!!

UPDATE: I reached out to someone I (kind of) know on the council to find out about getting on the agenda, she in turn, sent our safety concerns to the Police Chief, Jennifer Gonzales who (wait for it) called me! There is a shortage of traffic cops right now but she's trying to hire more, but they're for all of Napa, vs. specific areas. I did mention Carolyn Passmore's story and she sounded surprised, and said she'd look into it. The one tidbit that I did take away was that apparently the Red Light Camera program was taken away by a previous City Council. This covers the flashing crosswalks like they have in front of Brown's Valley Market. Apparently this program is completely self-funded by tickets for traffic violations! I wonder if this isn't the avenue we try to take to bring back, as it's a new Council?



Please come to the meeting and show your support! Also please

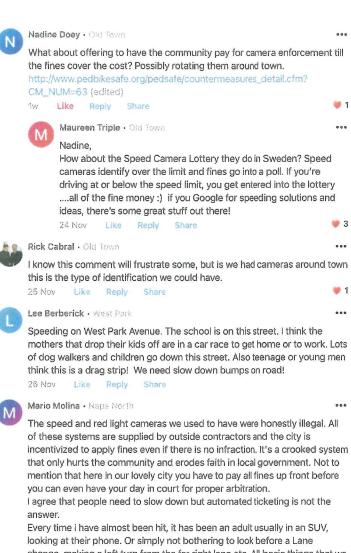
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share with your neighbors, the more that show up the better!

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looking at their phone. Or simply not bothering to look before a Lane change, making a left turn from the far right lane etc. All basic things that we are supposed to have learned to do in drivers Ed and when getting our licenses. Everyone thinks they are the special exception to the rule. None of us is.

Drive cautiously and keep your head on a swivel. Assume everyone else on the road is trying to kill you and that they don't know you are there and it will save you a lot of trouble.

I'd you think everyone else drives like an a hole, odds are the a hole is you.





Jazmin Tapia · Oxbovi

I will do my best to be at the meeting. This has got way out of control and it makes me sad for the people who have unfortunately died while crossing the freakin street! I am definitely more aware and slow down at night because it is dark and sometimes people pop out of nowhere. [addited]



I am willing to stand up and speak! The speeding on East Ave is deplorable! It's especially bad in front of the school from 7:50 am-8:05 when kids are being dropped off. People have no patience and no regard for the safety of our children. It is very upsetting. A mother flew through the crosswalk one morning so her kids wouldn't be late I'm sure, while I was in The middle of it with my son! Needless to say, we got into a shouting match in front of the school because she couldn't believe I would take a picture of her car to show the principal! I can't believe the behavior of adults! Not teenagers, parents of children! (edited)



G street from Ca Blvd to Yahome is a speed way.

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Jazmin Tapia · Oxbow

Veronica Jessup · St. Joha's

Main is a major thorough way to downtown and my neighborhood. People are so disrespectful. Not only speeding but my cars have endured so much damage over the years; back windows shot out by BB gun, baseball bats taken to my car for gang initiation (per police), car side swipe, hit by a drunk driver while parked (almost a full car total missed by \$200), a full car total by a girl texting, and just an accident from some older gentleman who was confused but driving and randomly hit one of it cars, wiper blades ripped off, a knife taken through the top of our convertible. So far we're lucky none of our family has been hit physically but we are always on alert.

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Maureen Maloney · Southeast Vintage

Really bad as well on Firefly. I know people use this street to avoid Trancas, but I have to say a Hail Mary every time I go to back out of my driveway, for fear I will be smashed into from some fool flying around the corner from Wild Rye.

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Teresa Fowler • Salvador Avenus •••

Salvador is horrible 24 Nov Like Reply Share Maureen Triple • Old Town

Tracey,

Hi! When and where is the meeting and who's getting it organized? Thanks!!! Maureen

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Cynthia Villegas • Rose Drive

Thank you Robert Francis for the date, time and PLACE of the meeting!

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Robert O'Malley · McPherson

I've lived for quite a while in a small cul-de-sac off Soscol between Lincoln & Pueblo, which had for some time been a long, several-block straightaway with motor-gunning & reckless speeding.

Some kid even lost control of his car one night last yearnand mowed down some trees & a fence on our property (yes, he lived.)

Over the past couple of years, the road surface had deteriorated somewhat and the volume of speeders had decreased (somewhat).

However, now that the resurfacing of Soscol is nearly complete, I've already seen that the new repavement has invited these knuckleheads to amp it up again. Thought I'd really welcome this improvement, but now realize it's a mixed blessing.

Glad that ambulances once again have a smoother route to the Queen now—and I do believe that there's some validity in the argument that there's a shortage of traffic cops in the city—but, in my 17+yrs here, I've never seen anyone pulled over along this route. Not one.

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Rusty Cohn • Ferrace & Shurtleff

As someone who grew up in the Berkeley/Albany area I can tell you traffic enforcement laws change drivers behavior. I visit the Berkeley/Albany area on a regular basis and when walking I find cars there are much more likely to stop for pedestrians than in Napa. Drivers are aware that they can and will get tickets for failure to stop for pedestrians and other traffic violations. I rarely see cars pulled over in Napa for traffic violations. Hit and runs seem way to common these days. Time to stop this bs.

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Maureen Triple · Old Town

Great post. Do you know how they were able to bring about these changes? Would love to talk with folks who have experience influencing policy. Thanks so much!!

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Robert Sachs · Napa North

scene.

It's not always speeding or other inconsiderate behavior. Rather, it's just as often poor judgment. I was witness to an accident last night at Solano and Trower. The driver in front of me turned left from southbound Solano onto Trower right in front of an oncoming car. She was Tsected on the passenger side. She told me she was sure the other car had a red light going north. Not quite. Interestingly the other car, though clearly not at fault, fled the

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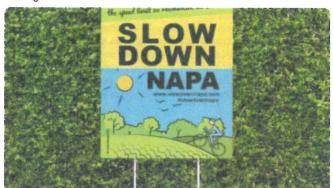
Joyce Stavert . South Corner

Www.slowdownnapa.com, we are working on this as best we can with the city and we just printed our first batch of yard signs. We encourage all of you to send in an email on our website so we can keep you updated on progress and enlist your help and support, it's a city wide problem and we must get the city council to make this a top priority. Strength in numbers!

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Joyce Stavert · South Corner

Yard sign



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Veronica Jessup • St. John's

I'd love one of these signs!! I live on Main Street and the speeding is off the charts. Not just high speed but reckless. In the early mornings people drive down the middle of the road and 'Gun it'. I've seen it myself. Absolutely crazy.

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See 3 more replies

David Prete - Boyes Hot Springs

Unsafe, rude and inconsiderate drivers are all over, and I see it constantly as an instacart shopper and delivering groceries in Sonoma. Drivers will constantly race and pass on the right where there's merging traffic. They're all an accident waiting to happen. Where does it get you, a car or two ahead

and then stuck in traffic at the next light.

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Danielle Green · Napa North

I live in Sonoma and I cannot agree more. Middle of the night you can hear loud cars just racing down the street, which are never followed by the sound of police vehicles. In the Sonoma county nextdoor people complain about it all the time and the city does nothing about it.

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Eva Bedolla - Southwest Napa •••

Ask they need to do is just put road bumps to make engine slow down. I live near that intersection too and I know what you mean.

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Robin Ellison • Original Alta Heights

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As what happened 2 weeks ago with a resident—run down in a crosswalk at Laurel and Jefferson—what else is going on that we never hear about?

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Tracey Nauright • Old Town

That's my intersection... hence this post. Please come to the meeting and share your experience!!! Bring everyone you can!!!

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Maureen Triple · Old Town
Tracey Nauright

Do you want one of the new Slow Down Napa yard signs? Let me know:)

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Kathy Roberts - Old Town

Bottom line - SLOW THE HECK DOWN! Pay attention - you are not going to

get there any quicker if you kill yourself or someone else or go to jail.

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Tracey Nauright • Old fown

Maybe we should make some signs that say THAT and put them up around the neighborhood. I'm a graphic designer so I can handle that

around the neighborhood. I'm a graphic designer so I can handle that part...

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Leilani Lucas • Original Alta Heights

Tracey Nauright there is already a movement with signs being

distributed soon. The link is below (edited)

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Ingrid S. • Lone Oak

What time and day is the meeting?
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Robert Francis • Terrace & Shurtleff

Ingrid December 7, 6:30 p.m at City Hall on School St. 23 Nov Like Reply Share

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Brenda Perry • Terrace & Shurtleff

Good for you, Tracey, for actually doing something about this!

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Robert Francis - Terrace & Shurtleff

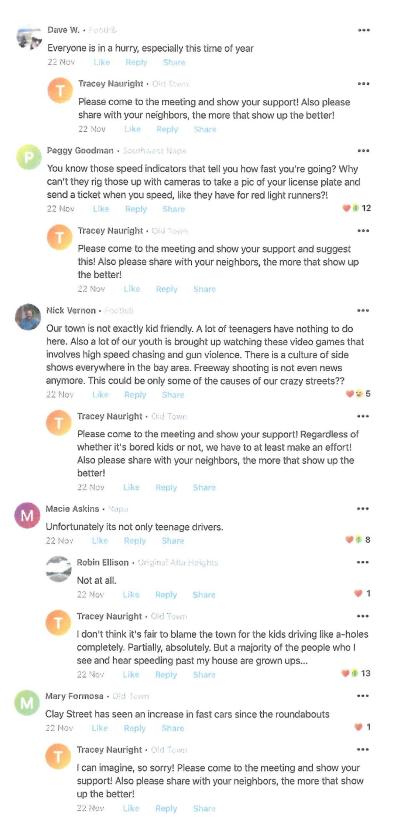
Lori Hennigh · Yountville

Running stop igns seems to be very common nowadays. I've seen this!

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Thanks, Tracey, for your effort in contacting a city official and your update.

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Michael Ware · Original Alta Heights

Why are we allowing people (including some of our esteemed government officials) pushing to defund the police? What a ludicrous movement! This is just one of the results – not to mention the surge of robberies, thefts and murders going on. So where are our police patrols? Oh, sorry, we cut their budgets to nothing and tied their hands. Oops!

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Nick Vernon · Footbill

Michael The defund the police thing is pure BS! Someone said it, and the right hijacked the statement. However those people who are saying they don't want to pay taxes, the wealthy and corporations are actually the ones who will be defunding the police and our military! I'm glad to pay my fair share. Why make such baseless claims? Has our police department been defunded? Yes crime seems to be on the rise. Are you willing to put your money where your mouth is? You might have to pay more taxes because the wealthy and corporations are not paying they're fair share.

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Maureen Triple · Old Town

Tracey Nauright,

Does anyone know if it's on the agenda for Council meeting?

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Michael Ware • Original Alta Heights

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Sorry Nick, but paying your/ my fair share of taxes has absolutely nothing to do with the defunding movement. And yes, our PD as well

as many others have had their budgets already cut.

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Joan Gladieux · Bel Aire

Michael Ware They are NOT defunding the police like Nick Vernon said, it was/is the far right with the phrase "Defund the police." Cities are trying to figure out that there is more mental health problems & people with these qualifications are the people who need to be called instead of the police!!!

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Nick Vernon · Footbill

Michael I hope you wake up soon. The so called Defund movement is made up by Wolf or Fox . There might be pandemic related budget issues, but is there any evidence that our Napa Police Department has been defunded?? I am an expert with dogs and mushrooms, but I'm not an expert at understanding police department budgets. Money is tight and times are hard. Show some proof of the things u are saying. Is there an article in the paper?

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Bryan Avila • North Westwood

Tracey Insane! We live across from Laurel Park and just got hit and run last night. (edited)

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Add a reply...

NextDoor Post #2

Calling all neighbors that are fed up with the crazy divers in our neighborhoods!

Next City Council meeting December 7 at 6:30 p.m. Let's make a statement and show up EN MASSE to let City Council know something must be done about

12 Comments

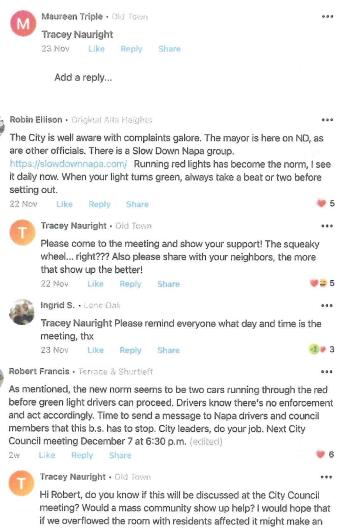
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Tracey Nauright



in some way... I live on Laurel by the park and it's INSANE here.

Tracey Yes, I do believe a mass showing would have an impact. Especially with speakers from all neighborhoods. I don't know the

traffic included. My vision is to see a large turnout with as many

speakers as possible. Speaking in public can be difficult for some,

will post a reminder of the meeting a few days in advance. (edited)

agenda for the next meeting but fortunately there is a public

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Robert Francis · Ferrace & Shurtleff

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December 7 at 6:30 PM. Where is the meeting held?

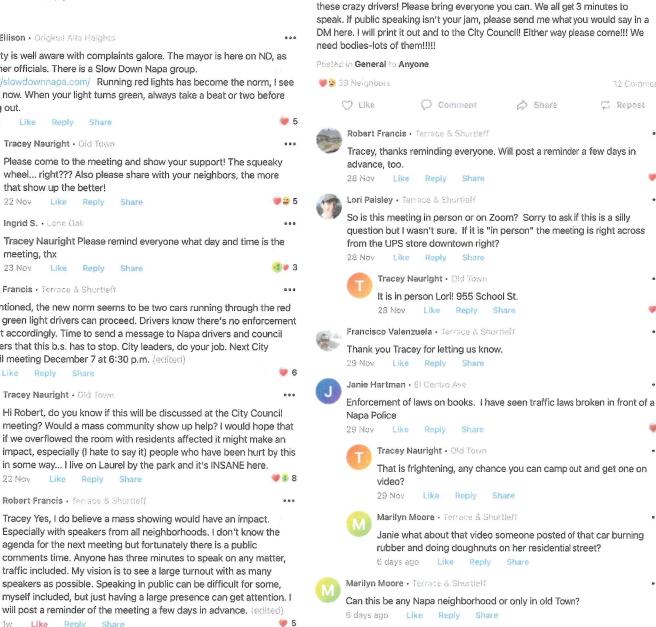
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Tracey Nauright · Old Tovin

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I think everyone who lives in an area in Napa that is affected should

show up!!!! * power in numbers I hope!!!

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Tracey Nauright - Old Town

It would be great if you can come, it sounds like you've got quite a bit of information already. We need as many people as possible. Please!

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Kathay Smith . Old Town

I will be there and would love to speak. I walk Fuller Park daily and live on Laurel. Something must be done! From the light on First Street on the west side of the freeway to the stop sign at Jefferson there is no deterrent to slow, stop, or even use caution. These are residential streets-never designed as thoroughfares or short cuts!!

I always make eye contact with all 4 drivers at the intersection but with no one using turn signals you never are sure which way they will be going-even if they choose to stop!

Carolyn is 80! She was 4 feet from her own sidewalk when she was hit by a turning car who left her on the road!!! She is amazing, strong, forgiving, but hurt and vulnerable. There has to be a solution!

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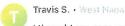


Antoinette Freeman - St. John's

I will be at the City Council meeting on thee 7th. I have started working with Slow Down Napa (https://nextdoor.com/p/Zssmh6qb8P-p?

utm_source=share&extras=ODI4NDYwMg%3D%3D) and am presenting my petition for stop signs in a Napa intersection in January at City Council. Here is the link to my petition: https://chng.it/jwm2TnMm

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I thought we were against gas leaf blowers? This week is crazy drivers?

Got it
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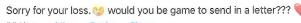
Rose Anne Meyer · Southeast Vintage

You can also call in and write in to have your voice heard. Directions are on city council site. And for letters you also add READ In subject line if you want it read aloud at meeting instead or prior to meeting. I did it during covid. I'm in MN fir a funeral but wish you the best luck! Fight the good fight!

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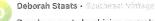
Tracey Nauright • Old Town





Let me know about next council meeting. I absolutely will. In bed trying to recharge. Exhausted. Here is some Minnesota trivia to make you chuckle tho. Was 10 degrees in MN last night. I can't get warm! Tracey Nauright

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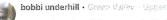
People seem to be driving crazy because there are no consequences. The City Council can't control traffic. More officers are needed. If there is no support for that the City Council will have little ability to improve the increasing driving issues and crime rates we are experiencing from decreased enforcement.

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Jonna Lewis · Browns Valley

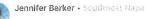
I will be there !!

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By the time that I left my Yuppie life in Chicago, near Oprah's, I had been run down in crosswalks 1) by an Iraqi cabdriver in an 'Impala, 2) a guy in a 'Fleetwood' who had fallen asleep, & 3) by somebody else who couldn't stop on wet pavement...plus knocked off the sidewalk by 4) a nice man talking to his passenger & 5) by a City bus. I was told that Chicago has/had an average of 8 similar pedestrian injuries daily. I agree that over-crowding is the primary problem. Don't dismiss the driver or hurry sickness.

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I cannot attend as it's my dad's birthday, but if you need me to sign a petition or something I'm happy to add my name. Good luck (safe) road warriors!

And on a side note, I've noticed the times that the light stays yellow has decreased. On some lights if you leave the line and it turns yellow, if you are going the speed limit you can't make it to the other side before it turns red. Just an observation.

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Sonny Lum • Terrace & Shurtleff

The only way to stop speeders are speed bumps 23 Nov Like Reply Share



Diana Meehan · Coombseille Country

Fire safety is not fond of them as it slows their response time and "could damage their vehicles"...that said, there are other options, such as "speed tables" you can read about them

here:https://nacto.org/publication/urban-street-design-guide/streetdesign-elements/vertical-speed-control-elements/speed-table/ 24 Nov Like Reply Share



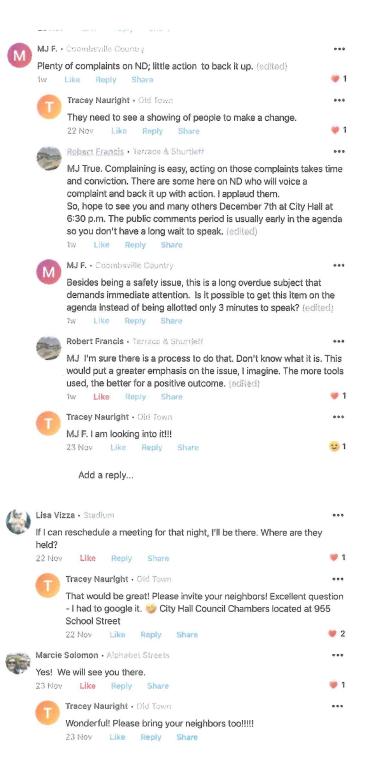
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Diana Meehan • Coombsville Country

Perhaps it's time to have a discussion with the city about a "Slow Streets Initiative" in Napa? The Napa County Bicycle Coalition attempted this at the beginning of the pandemic when everything was closed and there was a significant need for people to safely be outdoors. The National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) has numerous publications on safer, more complete streets. If you're heading to the City Council to speak, show up informed, with solutions! You can read more about Slow Streets here: https://pacto.org/publication/streets-for-pandemic-response-

here: https://nacto.org/publication/streets-for-pandemic-responserecovery/emerging-street-strategies/slow-streets/

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Two Direct Messages Sent to Me:

Started on 11/28

Laura C., Terrace & Shurtleff



Hi Tracey, I can't come to the meeting but wanted to share my experience:

My son was waiting in his car outside my home on Tamarisk Drive one day, and a car sped by going toward Birkdale. He thought to himself that someone was going to get hit any minute, as the kids were walking home from Silverado Middle School at that time. Sure enough, just a couple minutes later, another car sped by him and did indeed hit a kid at that intersection. This was two years ago, but the speeding has not stopped. Long story short, I can always time my day by the cars speeding up the street in the morning (parents taking their kids to school around 8 am) and in the afternoon when they zoom back down our street on the way home from picking up their kids. This is EVERY school day. Crazy when the parents are so clueless and careless with the safety of their own kids' classmates!

Thanks for your efforts, Laura

YOU

Started on 11/30

Susan H., Southeast Vintage

There were several reasons that a previous council discontinued the traffic cameras. Some time back I did research on the cameras and was a bit alarmed by what I found. I do not have time to relay all to you at this moment I would rather those with concerns be addressed in a different fashion

- 1) write down specific locations there are problems with lights (people running red lights), or signage and give a copy to city council
- 2) at one time, drivers training was taught in HS, can the CC & or community members ask the school board to have classes teach classes at the HS level again? Can the CC look into having community refresher courses (taught thru the community college and/or Parks and Rec)? For example, how long does a motorist allow a pedestrian to cross the street until, the driver feels the pedestrian is safe or until the pedestrians feet reach the opposite curb; can pedestrians or bicyclist hear a car approach or behind them particularly, if they are looking at a cell, have ear phones in or the car is electric?
- 3) perhaps set up a fund (non-profit?), for community members to donate for flashing crosswalk or slow down/speed limit signs, perhaps, www.slowdownnapa.com (?)