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**To:** traffic@ci.lawrence.ks.us  
**Subject:** Bobwhite Drive

City Traffic Safety Commission:

I am writing you regarding Bobwhite Drive, a residential street south off of Bob Billings in west Lawrence.

We live at 1638 Bobwhite Drive and are very concerned about the safety of this street for drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists, especially those who are children, due to the speed of traffic and the limited visibility on this street.

When traveling on Bobwhite from Bob Billings, cars initially travel south and gradually bend westward to the end of the street. As the road bends, it also runs up and downhill twice. At this second hill cars are typically traveling much faster than the posted 30 mph, usually into the oncoming lane of traffic due to frequent street parking by SUV's in the southbound lane, up and then down a hill; in the afternoon and evening hours visibility is further limited as cars are at this point traveling directly into the setting sun.

Between 1625 and 1647 Bobwhite there are 14 children under the age of 10 (and more anticipated in the near future) that regularly walk to and from school and play and exercise outside. Eight of these kids live on the east side of the street with no sidewalk for walking or biking. Unfortunately the only safe way for these children to be able to play outdoors is with adult literally standing on the curb or in the street to help alert motorists to the children at play.

We do not let our children play outside unattended, and yet we have seen too many close calls with motorists speeding inattentively up and down the street. At our point on Bobwhite, the motorists can only be headed to either one turn onto the southernmost end of George Williams way or the dead end of Bobwhite Drive. I haven't figured out why they are in such a rush!

Pulling out our driveway or out of the cul-de-sacs along Bobwhite has also brought some close calls by motorists zipping over the hill unaware that just a couple of houses down a car is in the street making a turn.

My husband and I, along with the other parents within this stretch of Bobwhite, would like to see our street a safe and desirable one for families. We have two suggestions we would like you to consider:

1. Control traffic flow by placing speed humps on Bobwhite and restricting curb parking to the outside curves only.
2. Installing a sidewalk along both sides of the street for children to safely travel on without getting in the way of motorists.

I would appreciate the opportunity to further discuss this with a member of the Commission and am happy to walk through the area with you to show you our specific concerns.

Thank you for your attention,  
Julie Dunlap  
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