

We would like to offer our thoughts on calming traffic on Monterey Way from our vantage point of being in our home since 1993. When we had our home built in 1992, Monterey Way was a quiet suburban road, narrow asphalt with drainage ditches on both sides of the road. Of course in the interim to the present time our city has grown tremendously and we are experiencing many problems on our once quiet road.

Thank you for focusing on the number of vehicles and the speed at which they travel. We were not surprised, really at the average of 44mph, nor the actual volume of traffic. We feel there are several aspects to consider, as well as several options for solutions.

CONCERNS

Dad Perry Park – There is a toddlers playground, a tennis court, a volleyball court, a shelter facility, a soccer practice field where not only soccer players gather, but also Lacrosse teams, ultimate Frisbee teams etc. All of these are within about 200 yards of Monterey Way. Many times, balls will come into the road, although the tennis is better now that the trees have grown.

Gradation going south from the traffic circle to 12th Street/park entrance is uphill and thus a blind entrance to the Park/12 St. intersection at the top of the hill. Coming from the south to the park entrance, that intersection is also a blind area. That is where people cross, many times, and also where children and their balls can become targets.

Semi Trailers 18 Wheelers have found our street a perfect cut-through coming from the north or south. Damage to the Harvard traffic circle will be coming.

Heavy Dump Trucks When there is work at Alvamar and the new buildings and apartments put up on the former golf course and seemingly any road work, in that area, there is an increase in heavy trucks (gravel, dirt, etc) using Monterey Way, also damage to the Harvard traffic circle.

Passing Cars going the speed limit are routinely passed by speeding cars.

OUR THOUGHTS

Stop Sign A relatively inexpensive and easily obtained solution to begin with would be stop signs with a marked pedestrian marking. Either at 12th and Monterey Way and/or 13th and Monterey Way. This would greatly reduce the span of “speeding pavement”, and to our mind be the **simplest and cheapest solution.** Many of you may not have been here when a young boy was killed crossing Kasold at 8th St. and a stop sign was finally installed AFTER the tragedy.

Pedestrian Crossing A crossing similar to the one on Lawrence, Avenue by Holcomb Park would be great.

Traffic Circle For those who know how to use these devices, they are excellent, however many people do not seem to know how to proceed and do not use their turn signals. A traffic circle at the off-set intersection of Tiffany Drive/Monterey Way/13th Street would be a good solution, but know the cost of this would probably be prohibitive.

Speed bumps/humps We feel that these would probably not work unless you had 4-5 of them, say ever 100-200 feet and people tend to go 40-45mph between speed bumps. It is a longer space than say, from 9th on Louisiana south to Harvard, plus cars can park on that street so it slows drivers anyway. Also, they are hated by almost everyone with a car, as even going slow is a menace to a car's undercarriage.

Patrol Presence A police presence in the area would be appreciated. That would be very. very helpful.

Amanda Sahin

From: michaelblackphd@sunflower.com
Sent: Friday, December 01, 2017 12:39 PM
To: Amanda Sahin
Subject: Monterey Way 6th to Bob Billings

Dear Ms. Sahin,

I received notification about the traffic calming request along Monterey Way from 6th to Bob Billings. Although I won't be able to attend the meeting on December 4th, I wanted to weigh in with my opinion.

I think the first step should be to simply increase awareness of the speed limit by posting a few more signs and maybe even setting up a radar speed sign. I am NOT in favor of any sort of speed bumps or an additional traffic circle, like the one at Monterey Way and Harvard.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to voice my opinion.

Sincerely,
Michael Black, Ph.D.