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To: City_Council
Cc: Beck, Michael; Jomsky, Mark; Dock, Fred
Subject: Speed Hump revisions-public comment

I wanted to let you know that I am very opposed to any proposal that makes it easier to install speed humps in Pasadena.

The proposal to lower the threshold from a minimum of 1200 feet to a minimum of 600 feet means that every street segment in Pasadena could potentially have speed humps. So many of our streets are undriveable now, why make even more impassable? Adding more streets to those with speed humps will simply serve to further infuriate drivers and make Pasadena even less hospitable to those of us who happen to drive on our streets.

As I am sure you are aware, speed humps do not alleviate speeding problems, they simply move the issue to adjoining streets. Until every residential street in a neighborhood has speed humps, the problem (more accurately the perceived problem) simply migrates from street to street until the point at which those of us who do not want speed humps on our street are the only ones bearing the burden of the entire area.

Please do not do anything that increases the chances that speed humps will be installed on additional streets.

You already have a program in place that is intended to deal with traffic issues on a neighborhood-wide basis, the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan process. It seems to me you should utilize that program to deal with issues in a more comprehensive manner, and not one that simply pushes one street or block's perceived problem onto the neighboring streets. Also, when you have an NTMP plan in place for an area, you should fully implement that plan before even considering installing anything else in that particular neighborhood.

In my neighborhood, Bungalow Heaven, there is an NTMP plan in place, though it has barely been implemented. Yet, we are seeing some blocks having speed humps installed. It would make sense to implement the plan for the entire neighborhood (or at least those who were interested in participating at the time) agreed to before making other changes that could negatively impact other streets in the neighborhood.

At any rate, please keep the speed hump regulations in place as they exist now, or consider increasing the minimum distance requirements. We need fewer streets with speed humps, no more that can be added to the potential speed hump list.

Thank you,

Paul Little

(This is not on behalf of the Chamber but from a private citizen living in Pasadena District 2.)