Public Safety Team | UPDATE / 5.12.23

Our Mission & Strategy

Our mission is to make our neighborhoods and streets safer. This will be accomplished by: 1) Identifying and surveying the problems; 2) Developing concrete solutions that help reduce death & injury; and 3) Presenting our recommendations to Thom Druffel, our D23Metro Council Representative.

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==So MUCH to report, so little time to read about it.==

So, I will provide you with quick scan topics. You choose and click on what you want to know, for now.

Sound good? Let's go!

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==**Our next meeting**== / *location change*

10 am, Saturday, May 20, at Jerry and Cam Neal's home on **176 Carnavon**. ==THANK YOU Jerry and Cam!== (This changed because Andy Martin's Office is only available during the week.)

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==**Are you being stalked, harassed, or threatened?**== / *Free legal advice Clinic*
Click here for more Info & fliers.

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==**This guy has all the answers re: traffic calming**== / *Streamlined for a quicker turn*
Click here for more Info.

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Public Notice - Belle Meade Traffic Study In Progress / *What are they up to???*

Click here for more Info.

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You have the power / *You decide how to use $10,000,000 for our city!*

Click here for more Info.

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A Traffic Calming Toolkit / *Very useful! Quick read! Good reference!*

Click and see.

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Thangs are rock'n! / *If you have not, please read over the minutes from last 4.22.2023 Meeting. Check out the t-shirt thing, it's a GREAT idea. Would love your input.*

Click and see.

==**"S'more good news."**== *(The following occurs through relationship. Who better to relate to, than those who oversee and protect our community.)*

> *Good news!*
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> *There is currently a police officer watching for speeders at the corner of Jocelyn Hollow and W. Meade Dr. I told him thank you.*
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> *Also, at the dangerous intersection at Highway 70 and 100, the yield sign now has a flashing red light on top for better visibility.*
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> *Progress!*
>
> *Rachel Kaiser*

==A VERY good accounting of *very good* conversation==

Lauren Balmer: traffic calming

- we get too little feedback on traffic calming--how do we change that?,
- He will research this so we can educate the community about how long this process takes and what can we do meantime while we wait for the Traffic Calming study
  - Can only apply in Jan and Jun
- $10 million budgeted for traffic safety, (Lauren sits on 2023 Steering Committee)

Here is a Neighborhood Street Traffic Calming Toolkit / NDOT
Compliments of Andy Martin. **Click Here.**

Tom Wright: We need to encourage reporting incidents to the police. We could show how to do this in our communications through website. Witnesses could go to website and report traffic events.

Andy Martin / Re: Tom's idea to report and keep a traffic incident log online. He agrees with this and suggested format below. It is important that details remain anonymous for the sake of privacy.

> Suggested format:
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> Date / Location / Incident / Contact / Police Report? Y or N / Officer name / Incidentvnumber (for follow-up)
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> ==a REAL LIFE Example*:==
> 4-11-23 / Jocelyn Hollow Rd btwn V Gap and RH, Two cars related family members

reckless driving, attempted assault with vehicle / Y / Andy M Upchurch / 001

Andy Martin / a note about an assault on 4/11/23.

- I had to file a second police report on two neighbors who assaulted us with their vehicles. Among trying to run us over, he also screamed at us and motioned, that "walkers are supposed to walk here, and cars go here," pointing at the ditch and the road respectively. I told him. "Not so, there is actually a **3 foot law (click and see)** in Nashville, and you broke it."
- I have learned that reporting to the police does not mean guaranteed arrest or even investigation. <u>But still vitally important because the police are most interested in repeat offenders</u>. I know this personally because years ago when Steve Linn was Sgt, before Sgt Valliquette, we had a <u>repeat</u> offender. After many reports the police found him very interesting and finally nabbed him. HOWEVER, reporting an incident to the police it does not guarantee that TRAFFIC PATROLS will see that. To loop them in I recommend contacting Sgt Valliquette who can refer out to patrols.

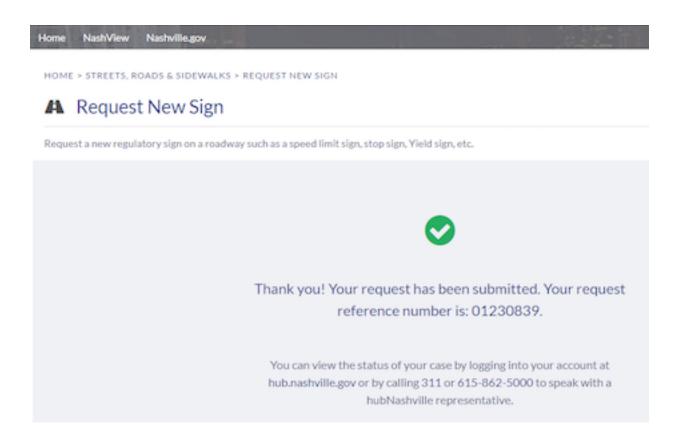**Laurie Loughlin:** Question: How do you change traffic light syncing?

Thom Druffel:

- $25 million budget for traffic light study for timing/syncing of lights & other solutions.
- Harding White Bridge happening now.
- Thom is going to push faster infrastructure improvement to keep up with increased people/traffic density.
- There are two traffic calming projects in place and in progress now: Vaughns Gap and Percy Warner. <u>Example</u>: Bresslyn Rd with posted 35-speed limit: Speed indicator research showed the avg was 55.
- To implement traffic calming approximately 60-75% of community has to approve.
- Creating shoulder for roads is much cheaper and more feasible than a sidewalk. They used to run all the way up Jocelyn Hollow. Primarily just aggregate and tar. MDOT is a possibility.

Jim Walton: has deep experience in road building, and is a great resource for the group

CHECK this out! / a request for stop signs at Jocelyn Hollow and Robin Hill roads...

"Was a lot easier than I thought it would be! **Click here and see.**" – Andy Martin
Request a new regulatory sign such as a speed limit sign, stop sign, Yield sign, etc.

HOME > STREETS, ROADS & SIDEWALKS > REQUEST NEW SIGN

🛣 Request New Sign

Request a new regulatory sign on a roadway such as a speed limit sign, stop sign, Yield sign, etc.

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Thank you! Your request has been submitted. Your request reference number is: 01230839.

You can view the status of your case by logging into your account at hub.nashville.gov or by calling 311 or 615-862-5000 to speak with a hubNashville representative.

Laurie Loughlin: She is against speed bumps: hard on car and driver.

Andy Martin: If I had to vote down one it'd prod be speed humps. They punish even good drivers.

- But let's do everything else as soon as possible. **Chokers or chicanes (click and see)** would be good too--Belle Meade uses them very effectively. I'd be glad to help.
- Would also add stop signs on Jocelyn Hollow at Vaughn's Gap, Robin Hill, and/or Bresslyn. The more the better. According to **traffic studies (click and see)** these (stop Signs and speed humps) have best results. I honestly believe it will be the only thing that will slow people down. NO ONE drives 25. And we have scores of walkers, bike riders, children play on JH everyday. I cannot think of a single neighborhood street that has so few stop signs. No wonder everyone speeds.

Rachel Kaiser: She is a proponent of speed humps, <u>not</u> speed bumps. They definitely work to slow speeders down. If you drive over them at the correct speed, there will not be any damage to your car or your body. I know they are controversial, but they do work when nothing else does.

Andy Martin / A Public Safety Team meeting venue option: we can use my office in Burton Hills if we move meetings to M-F afternoons--no weekends, I will pay for room. Very pro, coffee and water provided for free, A/V hookup, plenty of free parking right outside the door.

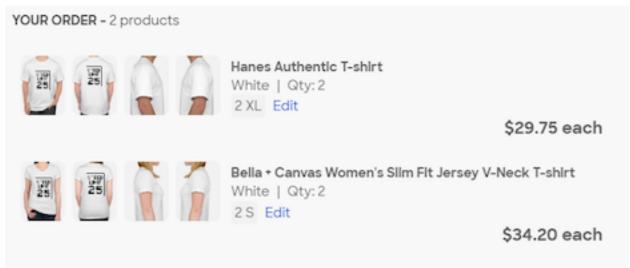## Neighborhood Traffic Calming / a note from Lauren Balmer

I just spent over 30+ minutes on the phone w Gil Thomas. Gil is the Neighborhood Street Traffic Calming Manager for NDOT. He was very willing and able to go through w me the A to Z process of a neighborhood traffic calming project. I'll be eager to share w you all and our entire group. He is also open to continuing to talk to us and answer all questions as needed. I liked what I heard very much as it relates to their willingness and desire to help all communities. The timeline is still a long one but they're working on reducing that as quickly as able as well.

T-shirts to prevent T-bones and other avoidable traffic accidents

Would there be interest in these T-Shirts——— for fund raising effort, safety walk, etc?

YOUR ORDER - 2 products

Hanes Authentic T-shirt
White | Qty: 2
2 XL Edit

$29.75 each

Bella + Canvas Women's Slim Fit Jersey V-Neck T-shirt
White | Qty: 2
2 S Edit

$34.20 each

Next Meeting is 7-8pm, May 11 at West Precinct: 5500,Charlotte Ave.

Important Links

> Public Safety Forum / website. **Click here.** Password: publicSAFETY1125

> **Click and Request** a new regulatory sign such as a speed limit sign, stop sign, Yield sign, etc.

❯ Public Safety Team email **PublicSafetyD23@gmail.com**

> Nashville Vision Zero Action Plan **Website**

❯ Nashville Department of Transportation and Multimodal Infrastructure **NDOT Website**

❯ West Police Precinct **Website**

    Commander Lee A. Kendall / Community Services Bureau / Metro Nashville Police Department / 615-779-4259 / lee.kendall@nashville.gov

❯ Hub Nashville **hubNashville Website**

❯ Thom Druffel's **Website**