

TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, September 28, 2021 – 1 PM
1st Floor Whitney Room
Stow Town Building
380 Great Road, Stow, MA 01775

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1.	1:00 PM	Call to Order
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Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Administrative Items

2.		Public Input
3.		Review Minutes
4.		Member Updates -Safety Zone Sudbury Road

Appointments/Discussion/Action Items

5.		Data Collection/Stage 1 Recommendations discussion and vote for the following roads 1) Red Acre Road 2) Crescent Street 3) South Acton Road 4) Randall/Cross Street 5) Taylor Road 6) Old Bolton Road 7) Hudson Road 8) Wheeler Road
6.		Approval of Letters to Residents 1) 196 Great Road 2) 28 Red Acre Road 3) 336 Great Road 4) 204 Randall Road 5) 22 Fairway Drive
7.		Speed bump draft/working policy update
8.		25 MPH throughout town on unposted roads recommendation to Select Board Letter
9.		Queue Clarification 117/62
10.		New Complaints/Correspondence

Posted 9/24/2021 at 11:00am

TOWN OF STOW
TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the September 13, 2021 Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

Committee Members Present: Chief Michael Sallese; Acting Fire Chief John Paul Benoit; Steven Nadeau; Jesse Steadman

Chief Sallese called the meeting to order at 1 pm.

Review of Meeting Minutes

Members reviewed the minutes of August 31st, 2021.

John Paul Benoit moved to approve the minutes of August 31st , 2021.

Jesse Steadman seconded.

VOTED: 4-0 Unanimously in favor (Chief Sallese – Yea; Captain Benoit – Yea; Steve Nadeau – Yea; Jesse Steadman – Yea)

Member Updates

Chief Benoit shared an update to the dashboard template he has created and the members discussed options for uploading it to the webpage.

Discussion of Wheeler Road

Committee members discussed potential Stage 1 interventions to reduce speeding concerns on Wheeler Road. Jesse Steadman suggested utilizing new speed feedback signs, soon to be purchased, as well as doing some initial outreach to Butternut Country Club to allow them to inform their clients about the complaints received.

Steve Nadeau said that a traffic engineer could be utilized to determine if there are any reconfigurations to the Wheeler Road/117 intersection that could reduce speeds.

Members discussed that making Wheeler Road one way, perhaps during particular hours of the day, could also benefit residents. Members discussed that further due diligence would be needed, such as outreach to the Schools, residents and Butternut Country Club.

Steve Nadeau suggested utilizing children in the area to create signs asking drivers to slow down and to have a firm create traffic signs from the designs. Members agreed it could be an idea that really grabs the attention of drivers.

Zack Burns, of Wheeler Road, said there has been much discussion of speeding on Wheeler Road among the neighborhood and he has personally seen vehicles going between 40-50mph on the street. Zack Burns said that the status updates from the Committee would be helpful to let the neighborhood know that their complaints are being heard.

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Sudbury Road

The Committee members discussed the potential use of a Safety Zone at the location of Pine Bluff Recreation area. Jesse Steadman said he can be in touch with MassDOT District 3 office regarding the ability of the Town to extend a speed zone that is already in use.

Members agreed that a policy for the creation of Safety Zones should be drafted and adopted by the Board of Selectmen, prior to the TSAC creating such a zone in Stow.

Members discussed the potential at using traffic delineators to tighten up the corner at Sudbury and State Road, making it more of a T-intersection.

Gleasondale Road

Chief Sallese reported that he spoke with Meg Costello regarding the desire to have speed feedback signs on Gleasondale Road. Chief Sallese notified Meg Costello that the signs are currently on the Complete Streets Prioritization Plan and planning to be installed later this year. Members further discussed the ideal locations for the installation of the signs.

Members discussed the potential for a truck restriction on Marlboro Road and determined that the first step would be to ask Eversource what the new culverts on the road will be rated for.

Barton Road

A resident from Barton Road provided comment that vehicles speeds on Barton Road, specifically from the intersection with Sudbury road, south over the hill to the dam, are getting worse. She noted that there are many pedestrians and cyclists in the area, but also a lot of vegetation that obscures views around tight corners and hills. The resident indicated that there are no speed signs at any point along Barton Road. Jesse Steadman said he will confirm the existence of speed signs along Barton Road with the data the Planning Department has collected.

Members agreed that Barton Road is a private way, although it would meet the statutory definition of Thickly Settled under Chapter 90(C) and potentially be eligible for a 25mph speed zone. The resident of Barton Road indicated that 25mph would be far too high and suggested 15 mph as an alternative. Chief Sallese indicated that 15mph would not be possible.

Members discussed that advisory speed signage could also be useful in the location, including “children at play” signage, if statutory signage is unable to be installed.

Speed Bumps Pros/Cons

Steve Nadeau discussed information he researched on the pros and cons of speed bump installation, reporting that based on conversations with engineers in the region, there is a concern that speed bumps often redirect surface water flows, and require additional stormwater infrastructure, such as catchbasins and piping, significantly raising the cost of speed bump installation. Steve Nadeau said this is a particular issue in rural communities that rely on country drainage patterns rather than utilizing a more sophisticated stormwater infrastructure system. Chief Sallese indicated that Steve Nadeau should

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begin to draft a speed bump policy, updating the Town's current policy for review by the Town Administrator and Select Board.

Steve Nadeau left the meeting.

New Complaints

The TSAC received multiple complaints from residents throughout Town. The Committee agreed to discuss the following complaints at the next meeting given they involve roads and streets that were either on the Complete Streets Prioritization Plan or have been subject to previous discussion:

- Red Acre Road
- Crescent Street
- South Acton Road
- Randall/Cross Street
- Taylor Road
- Old Bolton Road
- Great Road
- Hudson Road
- Wheeler Road

The following complaints will be discussed at the meeting following the next meeting:

- Eliot Drive
- Adams Drive
- Peabody Drive
- Packard Road
- Bradley Lane
- Pompositticut Street
- Carriage Lane
- Harvard Road
- Fairway Drive
- Whitney Road

It was further agreed that Jesse Steadman would draft letters from the Committee to the following complainants:

- 196 Great Road
- 28 Red Acre Road
- 336 Great Road
- 204 Randall Road

Chief Sallèse motioned to adjourn

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Jesse Steadman seconded.

VOTED: 3-0 Unanimously in favor (Chief Sallese – Yea; Chief Benoit – Yea; Jesse Steadman – Yea)

Respectfully Submitted,

Jesse Steadman

stowpolice

From: Stow MA via Stow MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 8:09 PM
To: stowpolice
Subject: Form submission from: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Request Submittal Form

Submitted on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 - 8:08pm

Submitted by anonymous user: [96.237.164.28](#)

Submitted values are:

First Name: Frank

Last Name: Bemis

Street Address: 310 Sudbury

Address Line 2: Rd

City, State, Zip (if other than Stow): 01775

E-Mail Address: fjuniorbe@yahoo.com

Please describe the location of the traffic concern: The entire length of Sudbury Road especially from wildlife to honey pot orchard.

Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with : People driving through the neighborhood at higher rates of speed. Sometimes double the posted speed limit. Pinebluff rec area is across the street there are lots of kids and people walking and riding bicycles It's a matter of time before we have a terrible tragedy.the speeding problem is Egregious on this road. In the five years I've lived here it's progressively gotten worse. It's now a cut through and people I think drive faster down this road then they do on 117.The police department is continuously down here doing radar. People routinely drive past my house at over 50 miles an hour in a maximum of 35 mile an hour zone. I live right where it goes from 35 to 25. Four times last year all documented somebody drove through my daughters bus stop. She's seven years old. People race up and down the road at night there is not a speed limit sign from the fire Academy all the way past Pine Bluffs heading towards honey pot in Whitman. I've had people almost hit me people of almost hit my wife my neighbors I've seen at least one good accident from one of my neighbors pulling out of their street I've seen multiple multiple close calls of people pulling out of the park and almost being a serious collision. People pass routinely on this road to the point where the DPW had to put a solid yellow line down the road two in front of the park because it was becoming a daily issue. My neighbors have almost been hit pulling out of their driveways I have an elderly neighbor that refuses to walk across the street anymore who's lived here for 40 years. It's an ongoing getting worse and continuous problem even though the PD is doing everything I can I believe they were down here twice today. We also know this is an issue around town and state wide.It absolutely needs to be addressed.

Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider: I believe some of the solution should include lowering the posted speed limit in town to 25 miles an hour. Multiple communities and surrounding towns have done this. I lived in Wayland for 10 years it never would have gotten to this point. I believe Wayland and Sudbury are both 25 miles an hour unless otherwise posted I also know on several high traffic roads they installed speed bumps as traffic controlling measures. I'd be happy with lowering the posted speed limit is 25 miles an hour to have the DPW install signs appropriately posting the speed limit because there are zero in one direction for over a mile. I believe the town needs some radar signs. The maximum speed limit in a residential area in the state of Massachusetts is 30 miles an hour. I also believe it's 25 miles an hour unless posted. So 50 and 60 miles an hour is entirely unacceptable and it's becoming the norm. I think the handle needs to be gotten on the speeding in town especially before we start building more houses adding more road traffic. I also think that giving the police department more of a budget so they can bring in officers for overtime to sit and do radar would be extremely effective. I'm extremely worried that there will be a tragedy on one of these roads. I hope that it's not one of my neighbors a person or a kid walking or riding a bicycle to the park or God for bid one of my own family members. I believe it's lowering the quality of life in this neighborhood after talking with my neighbors you are essentially afraid to walk down the street. I think that some of the above measures are the only solutions to putting a huge dent in the speeding issue throughout

town we're all acutely aware that it's not just Sudbury Road that's experiencing a crazy increase in this. It's state wide is even public service announcements about it right now. If anybody would like to talk to me about that I'd be happy to have a conversation with anybody. My telephone number is 978-828-8084 my name is Frank thanks again
Please attach any documents you would like the Committee to review here:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.stow-ma.gov/node/143221/submission/2201>

stowpolice

From: Stow MA via Stow MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 4, 2021 12:28 PM
To: stowpolice
Subject: Form submission from: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Request Submittal Form

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Submitted on Saturday, September 4, 2021 - 12:28pm

Submitted by anonymous user: [98.118.127.196](#)

Submitted values are:

First Name: Brian

Last Name: Callan

Street Address: 28 Red Acre Rd

Address Line 2:

City, State, Zip (if other than Stow):

E-Mail Address: brian.callan@gmail.com

Please describe the location of the traffic concern: Red Acre Rd

Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with : People speed up and down past my house at all hours of the day. A few times they have hit an estimated 70mph by the time they are passing my house.

Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider: Post a speed enforcement detail at my house. Feel free to park in my driveway. Friday evenings are usually a good time.

Please attach any documents you would like the Committee to review here:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.stow-ma.gov/node/143221/submission/2296>

stowpolice

From: Stow MA via Stow MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 4, 2021 12:35 PM
To: stowpolice
Subject: Form submission from: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Request Submittal Form

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Submitted on Saturday, September 4, 2021 - 12:35pm
Submitted by anonymous user: 2600:1000:b05b:4d77:687e:2d07:7f28:f855
Submitted values are:

First Name: Brian
Last Name: Callan
Street Address: 28 Red Acre Rd
Address Line 2:
City, State, Zip (if other than Stow):
E-Mail Address: brian.callan@gmail.com

Please describe the location of the traffic concern: Intersection of 117 and Red Acre Rd

Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with : Trying to make a left hand turn onto 117 or off of 117 is a nightmare at peak commuting times. Mostly due to the traffic that gets back up on Pompositticut. Any hole that opens up in west bound 117 traffic is immediately plugged by people turning right off of Pompositticut.

Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider: Either merge red acre and pompo before entering 117. Or install a traffic light. Some arguments against the light have been it would cause large backups. However there is a light at the Bose complex that works just fine without impacting traffic. Please strongly consider fixing this intersection before someone gets injured or killed.

Please attach any documents you would like the Committee to review here:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:
<https://www.stow-ma.gov/node/143221/submission/2301>

stowpolice

From: Stow MA via Stow MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 5:13 PM
To: stowpolice
Subject: Form submission from: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Request Submittal Form

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Submitted on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 - 5:13pm

Submitted by anonymous user: [73.253.103.117](#)

Submitted values are:

First Name: Bennett

Last Name: Grizzard

Street Address: 160 Crescent St

Address Line 2:

City, State, Zip (if other than Stow):

E-Mail Address: bggrizzard@gmail.com

Please describe the location of the traffic concern: Eastern Crescent St

Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with :

As you may know, Crescent street is a popular cut-through for drivers traveling between Stow Center and Acton/rte. 2. Originally a quiet farm road, Crescent now sees high-speed traffic around it's curves, especially the Eastern stretch between Great Road and the intersection at Pilot Grove Farm. This stretch has no light at Great Road and is therefore favored by drivers and GPS navigation as a faster route. This has created a flood of traffic, including heavy commercial trucks, moving at 40+ mph through an area with blind curves and no sidewalks or shoulders.

I request that this committee please visit this area and speak to it's residents and those who walk and bike Crescent. You'll learn that simple activities such as checking your mailbox or pulling out of your driveway are treacherous. Allowing children to walk or bike the short distance to the library and schools is impossible. There is a serious accident waiting to happen here.

Thank you,

Bennett Grizzard

Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider:

Please consider stronger methods to reduce speeds beyond signage such as speed bumps or lights. Please also consider protecting our residents by extending sidewalks throughout Crescent street (currently only on the Western 1/3 and dilapidated).

The Eastern entrance to Crescent street from Great Road should also be evaluated for a traffic light as it is frequently the site of either lengthy waits to enter Great Rd or dangerous entrances as drivers rush out into traffic at the sharp angle. We hear the sound of squealing tires here often. It seems like a ripe opportunity to increase safety.

Please attach any documents you would like the Committee to review here: https://www.stow-ma.gov/system/files/webform/crescent_st_0.jpg

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.stow-ma.gov/node/143221/submission/2326>

stowpolice

From: Stow MA via Stow MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 5:19 PM
To: stowpolice
Subject: Form submission from: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Request Submittal Form

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Submitted on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 - 5:18pm

Submitted by anonymous user: [178.239.198.221](#)

Submitted values are:

First Name: Nicole

Last Name: Stange-Thomann

Street Address: 128 South Acton Road

Address Line 2:

City, State, Zip (if other than Stow): STOW

E-Mail Address: nsthomann@gmail.com

Please describe the location of the traffic concern: Speeding violations on South Acton Road = 24 hr issue!

Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with :

Serious concerns about speeding on South Acton Road:

Over the last few years, we have noticed an increase of traffic volume and noise on South Acton Road. It seems now as if we are living on a major traffic route (even with many trucks choosing South Acton Road as a shortcut). And even worse is that South Acton Road serves as a racing track for speeding cars and motorcycles.

Frequent (daily, also at night) speeding occurrences are the more concerning part although the ever increasing traffic volume is very upsetting, too. I am expecting a very serious bad accident to happen sooner or later if nothing is being done about it. I should point out that there is a lot of deer crossing, too - which makes the situation even more dangerous as it already is.

It has become scary to even cross the road to pick up the mail from the mailbox. When I was on crutches after hip surgery. I didn't even make an attempt to get my mail ... knowing that I wouldn't be "fast" enough crossing the road. This development results not just in very dangerous situations that could cost a life. It also reduces the quality of life for the local residents tremendously.

Spending some deserved relaxation time sitting on the porch or terrace, with the desire to enjoy the surrounding beautiful nature in the garden - after work or at the weekend - one of the many reasons we moved here almost 20 years ago, lost its attraction completely. Quite the opposite is the case - it is rather annoying, aggravating, nerve-wracking. It makes you think about moving away eventually ... Even in the house, with wide-opened windows at night, you are forced to tolerate this.

Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider: After posting my concerns on one of the well-known social media platforms, I have received many comments from other residents on South Acton Road who are observing and complaining about the same issue. On August 18, I have sent an email describing these concerns in details to the Town Administrator and the Selectboard. I had included a compilation some of the comments of other residents. I also had listed possible solutions such as introduction of checkpoint signs and police patrol/monitoring. The installation of speed tables and signs saying "Slow Down" or "Drive as if your kids live here" could be very helpful, too. I have attached a copy of my email below.

Please attach any documents you would like the Committee to review here: https://www.stow-ma.gov/system/files/webform/south_acton_road.docx

The results of this submission may be viewed at:
<https://www.stow-ma.gov/node/143221/submission/2261>

stowpolice

From: Stow MA via Stow MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 12, 2021 3:04 PM
To: stowpolice
Subject: Form submission from: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Request Submittal Form

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Submitted on Sunday, September 12, 2021 - 3:03pm

Submitted by anonymous user: [72.21.196.65](https://www.stow-ma.gov/node/143221/submission/2341)

Submitted values are:

First Name: Nathan

Last Name: Michel

Street Address: 32 South Acton Road

Address Line 2:

City, State, Zip (if other than Stow): Stow

E-Mail Address: nathanemichel@gmail.com

Please describe the location of the traffic concern: South Acton Road, heading away from intersection with West Acton Road, and where speed limit transitions to 45 MPH.

Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with : This problem is constant. Even following the lines being updated to be double yellow, the high rate of speed is excessive, and hasn't stopped passing on double yellow. Vehicles use the straightaway as a drag strip, or operate as though its the autobahn. I would also highlight that the speeding is in both directions, to and from the intersection with West Acton Road. If you live here, you're concerned about your child waiting for the bus, and extremely wary when backing out of the driveway.

Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider: I'm not sure about solutions, but it needs to be more than what's happening now, and there needs to be some acknowledgement from the town as part of this process. Perhaps a trip out at various points of the day to see the high rate of speed in real time.

Maybe its reducing the speed limit from 45. I'm sure a fairly large percentage of violators are from those not residing in Stow, but doesn't speak to the issue overall. Having lived here for more than 3 years now, I have not once seen a traffic stop on South Acton Road.

Please attach any documents you would like the Committee to review here:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.stow-ma.gov/node/143221/submission/2341>

stowpolice

From: Stow MA via Stow MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 12:23 PM
To: stowpolice
Subject: Form submission from: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Request Submittal Form

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Submitted on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 - 12:23pm

Submitted by anonymous user: [24.218.177.139](#)

Submitted values are:

First Name: Alison

Last Name: Bernard

Street Address: 22 Fairway Drive

Address Line 2:

City, State, Zip (if other than Stow):

E-Mail Address: alison.m.bernard@gmail.com

Please describe the location of the traffic concern: The intersection by Stow Acres where Randall meets Cross street.

Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with : At this intersection there is only a yield sign coming from one direction. A lot of people ignore the yield sign and it creates a dangerous traffic pattern for anyone going left on Cross from Randall.

Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider: I would like consideration of stop signs at that intersection.

Please attach any documents you would like the Committee to review here:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.stow-ma.gov/node/143221/submission/2226>

stowpolice

From: Stow MA via Stow MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 2:35 PM
To: stowpolice
Subject: Form submission from: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Request Submittal Form

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Submitted on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 - 2:35pm

Submitted by anonymous user: [68.160.162.104](#)

Submitted values are:

First Name: John

Last Name: Sangermano

Street Address: 285 Taylor Road

Address Line 2:

City, State, Zip (if other than Stow): Stow, MA

E-Mail Address: jsang87@yahoo.com

Please describe the location of the traffic concern:

Bike Safety: Many bike users. Some riders push the limits of their rights by riding IN the road - not moving to the side of the road, riding two abreast, riding in groups. As a driver, what am I supposed to do? I need to drive in the oncoming lane to pass. But roads have curves. The risk will be a biker stuck by a car, or a car collision due to trying to pass. Needed: some publicity on safety.

Speeding cars: Sometimes early or late in the day, I believe that some drivers are taking liberties given the reduced number of cars on the road during these COVID times. BUT, there are also walkers, and young family groups learning to bike, and people backing out of their driveway. Someone driving 45 in a 25 narrow road will be UNABLE TO STOP if they encounter another car and a walker. Needed: get police cars parked and giving out citations. Patrol cars parked will scare some drivers into driving safely. Giving tickets to people driving to endanger will change behavior.

My personal issue: Leaving church on Sunday morning, St Isidore on Great Road at 9:45, drivers do not stop when I am trying to cross, drivers speed by when people exiting the church parking lot.

Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with : Overall, the conflict between speeding cars and walkers/bikers.

Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider:

More enforcement of fast driving abuse. Get patrol cars out and visible.

Bike education. Perhaps meet with the groups that ride on the weekend and remind of the balance in their rights and rights of drivers.

Please attach any documents you would like the Committee to review here:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.stow-ma.gov/node/143221/submission/2251>

stowpolice

From: Stow MA via Stow MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 3:50 PM
To: stowpolice
Subject: Form submission from: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Request Submittal Form

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Submitted on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 - 3:49pm

Submitted by anonymous user: 2601:18f:900:3d10:8987:3cef:777b:1d8e

Submitted values are:

First Name: Larry

Last Name: Escobedo

Street Address: 41 Old Bolton Rd

Address Line 2: 41 Old Bolton Rd

City, State, Zip (if other than Stow): 01775

E-Mail Address: larry.esco@gmail.com

Please describe the location of the traffic concern:

Hiley brook rd and old Bolton rd

Bolton rd entirely including in front of park.

Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with : Way to fast for a park and neighborhood street.

Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider:

Radar speed sign

post speed

More cruisers in neighborhood and at park.

Please attach any documents you would like the Committee to review here:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.stow-ma.gov/node/143221/submission/2256>

stowpolice

From: Stow MA via Stow MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 2:32 PM
To: stowpolice
Subject: Form submission from: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Request Submittal Form

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Submitted on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 - 2:31pm

Submitted by anonymous user: [73.253.112.143](#)

Submitted values are:

First Name: Nicole

Last Name: Fanning

Street Address: 148 Hudson Rd

Address Line 2:

City, State, Zip (if other than Stow):

E-Mail Address: nicoledfanning@gmail.com

Please describe the location of the traffic concern: Hudson Road speed limit mostly 40 then increasing to 45 mph.

Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with :

Hudson Road is a residential area home to families with young children, including ours. We understand this is a major route to get to 117 from the Hudson area. However, with its avid bicyclists, runners and walkers and a bus route, we have felt that sidewalks would benefit on Hudson road and also throughout town. If sidewalks are not an option, then the speed limit should decrease and more surveillance would then be needed for the safety of our children and athletes. As a runner, I have almost been hit on different occasions due to drivers not paying attention. My husband was running and was almost hit by a car had he not stepped off the pavement. In fact, he ended up spraining his ankle due to this small incident because the pavement gave out underneath him when he stepped backwards from the vehicle crossing the line. The speed zone of 45mph is more like 50-55 for most drivers which is even scarier. We pay a lot in taxes and with that they should consider sidewalks.

Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider:

It is nice to have sidewalks on 117 in Stow, but no where else really feels safe to run/walk especially with the kids. Being a family oriented town and striving to have a sense of community, sidewalks would bring the community even more together. Sudbury has an abundance of sidewalks and when you drive through town it feels safe. Same with Hudson. I usually have to go to Hudson to get a long distance run in and if I want to bring my newborn in the jogging stroller, we would have to go to Hudson.

Most stow residents have asked for sidewalks for years, it would be nice if this could be a priority.

Please attach any documents you would like the Committee to review here:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.stow-ma.gov/node/143221/submission/2311>

stowpolice

From: Stow MA via Stow MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 2:09 PM
To: stowpolice
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Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Submitted on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 - 2:09pm

Submitted by anonymous user: [68.160.162.119](#)

Submitted values are:

First Name: Steven

Last Name: Hager

Street Address: 62 Hudson Rd

Address Line 2:

City, State, Zip (if other than Stow): 01775-1218

E-Mail Address: engage007@hotmail.com

Please describe the location of the traffic concern: The intersection of Hudson road and 117.

Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with : The intersection of Hudson road and 117 desperately needs a traffic light. I've lived here a little over 6 years and I have seen numerous near accidents of cars trying to inter 117 from Hudson Road.

Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider: Traffic light installed.

Please attach any documents you would like the Committee to review here:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.stow-ma.gov/node/143221/submission/2246>

stowpolice

From: Stow MA via Stow MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 1:40 PM
To: stowpolice
Subject: Form submission from: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Request Submittal Form

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Submitted on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 - 1:39pm
Submitted by anonymous user: 2607:fb90:70fe:dcb0:b107:299d:2b60:bbc0
Submitted values are:

First Name: Caroline
Last Name: Fogarty
Street Address: 375 Hudson rd
Address Line 2:

City, State, Zip (if other than Stow): Stow, MA 01775

E-Mail Address: caroline_fogarty1@yahoo.com

Please describe the location of the traffic concern: Hudson rd

Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with : I'm concerned with the amount of walkers/runners on this road that results in cars maneuvering around them

Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider: I think side walls are a necessity on this road to increase safety to those walking their animals/running as well as the cars needing to coordinate in each direction

Please attach any documents you would like the Committee to review here:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:
<https://www.stow-ma.gov/node/143221/submission/2241>

stowpolice

From: Stow MA via Stow MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 12:21 PM
To: stowpolice
Subject: Form submission from: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Request Submittal Form

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Submitted on Monday, September 20, 2021 - 12:21pm

Submitted by anonymous user: [98.118.83.33](#)

Submitted values are:

First Name: Joan & Ken

Last Name: Duchi

Street Address: 209 Hudson Rd.

Address Line 2:

City, State, Zip (if other than Stow): Stow

E-Mail Address: kduchi@mmcis.com

Please describe the location of the traffic concern: Hudson Road in general, perhaps more so along straightaways

Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with : primarily speeding, along with unnecessary heavy accelerating of motorcycles and some vehicles

Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider:

-reduced speed limits

-speed notifying signals that alert speed of approaching vehicles along with speed limit as found on other roads in the area

-live radar patrols

Please attach any documents you would like the Committee to review here:

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stowpolice

From: Stow MA via Stow MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 2, 2021 7:41 PM
To: stowpolice
Subject: Form submission from: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Request Submittal Form

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Submitted on Thursday, September 2, 2021 - 7:40pm

Submitted by anonymous user: [108.49.135.216](#)

Submitted values are:

First Name: Vickery

Last Name: Trinkaus-Randall

Street Address: 56 Wheeler Road

Address Line 2:

City, State, Zip (if other than Stow): Stow

E-Mail Address: vickery@bu.edu

Please describe the location of the traffic concern: Wheeler Rd - acceleration of speed often times reaching 40-50 mph in a 25 mph zone.

Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with : The speed is worse in the AM when you might be walking a dog, waiting for a bus and again in the early evening and late evening it can sometimes be used for drag racing.

Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider:

- 1.Speed bumps as suggested by the articles over this summer by the Globe. Now used in Acton, Newton, Weston and so on.
2. Use of posts on the side and middle. They are merely painted yellow and may be fluorescent and since cars have to go through them it very effectively slows cars down and is inexpensive. Used effectively in Maine.
3. Signs with flashing speed and w sign having shining lights around it when the speed is exceeded - this reduces speed of some but not all. It is used in several towns and in workplaces.

Please attach any documents you would like the Committee to review here:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.stow-ma.gov/node/143221/submission/2286>

stowpolice

From: Stow MA via Stow MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 9:43 AM
To: stowpolice
Subject: Form submission from: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Request Submittal Form

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Flag Status: Flagged

Submitted on Friday, September 17, 2021 - 9:43am

Submitted by anonymous user: [68.160.162.45](#)

Submitted values are:

First Name: Benjamin

Last Name: LaPointe

Street Address: 43 Wheeler Road

Address Line 2:

City, State, Zip (if other than Stow): Stow

E-Mail Address: benjamin.lapointe@gmail.com

Please describe the location of the traffic concern: All of Wheeler Road

Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with : Excessive speeding on Wheeler Rd. I walk daily along the road in the morning. The last few mornings this week between 6:55am and 7:05am there has been a late 90s or early 2000s white Chevy full size pickup truck speeding at between 45 and 50 mph on Wheeler Rd, traveling south from Great Rd to Gleasondale. They seem to slow down slightly as they approach the bridge over the brook and past the golf course.

Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider: Please monitor during commuting hours and actually give violations, not just warnings, for speeding offenders.

Please attach any documents you would like the Committee to review here:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.stow-ma.gov/node/143221/submission/2366>

stowpolice

From: Stow MA via Stow MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 6:59 PM
To: stowpolice
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Submitted on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 - 6:58pm

Submitted by anonymous user: [173.76.36.230](#)

Submitted values are:

First Name: Leigh

Last Name: Hilderbrandt

Street Address: 196 Great Road

Address Line 2:

City, State, Zip (if other than Stow): Stow, MA 01775

E-Mail Address: hilderbrandt@gmail.com

Please describe the location of the traffic concern: Great Road throughout the Lower Village, especially on the west end in front of 196 Great Road.

Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with : Traffic speeds through the Lower Village on a regular basis.

Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider:

Lower the speed limit. (Widening the road and using medians and lines as a visual deterrent did not slow anything down.)

Run traffic patrol from Elm Ridge Road or Bradley Lane.

Please attach any documents you would like the Committee to review here:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.stow-ma.gov/node/143221/submission/2316>



Town of Stow
**TRAFFIC SAFETY
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**380 Great Road
Stow, Massachusetts 01775-1122
(978) 897-4545**

9.28.2021

Leigh Hilderbrandt
196 Great Road
Stow, MA 01775

Hello Ms. Hildebrandt,

Thank you for your submission to the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee. The Committee has received your letter and will be discussing the concerns raised at an upcoming meeting of the Committee.

Great Road in Lower Village was subject to significant traffic safety improvements over the past several years, with the additions of medians, dedicated turning lanes and pedestrian refuge islands. Despite the improvements, the area is still one of the most heavily trafficked areas of Town and the subject of ongoing transportation improvements. The Complete Streets Committee was recently awarded a *Shared Streets Grant* from MassDOT to install a flashing pedestrian beacon at the Stow Shopping Center crosswalk to provide safety to crossing pedestrians, as well as provide further queue to drivers to slow their speed.

Additionally, the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee will discuss the re-use of temporary speed feedback signs that were installed at one time in the vicinity of Elmridge Road, where vehicles enter and exit the district at a higher speed.

Thank you again for your submission.

Sincerely,

Chief Michael Sallese

On behalf of the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

stowpolice

From: Stow MA via Stow MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 4, 2021 12:28 PM
To: stowpolice
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Submitted on Saturday, September 4, 2021 - 12:28pm

Submitted by anonymous user: [98.118.127.196](#)

Submitted values are:

First Name: Brian

Last Name: Callan

Street Address: 28 Red Acre Rd

Address Line 2:

City, State, Zip (if other than Stow):

E-Mail Address: brian.callan@gmail.com

Please describe the location of the traffic concern: Red Acre Rd

Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with : People speed up and down past my house at all hours of the day. A few times they have hit an estimated 70mph by the time they are passing my house.

Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider: Post a speed enforcement detail at my house. Feel free to park in my driveway. Friday evenings are usually a good time.

Please attach any documents you would like the Committee to review here:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.stow-ma.gov/node/143221/submission/2296>

stowpolice

From: Stow MA via Stow MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 4, 2021 12:35 PM
To: stowpolice
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Submitted on Saturday, September 4, 2021 - 12:35pm
Submitted by anonymous user: 2600:1000:b05b:4d77:687e:2d07:7f28:f855
Submitted values are:

First Name: Brian
Last Name: Callan
Street Address: 28 Red Acre Rd
Address Line 2:
City, State, Zip (if other than Stow):
E-Mail Address: brian.callan@gmail.com

Please describe the location of the traffic concern: Intersection of 117 and Red Acre Rd

Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with : Trying to make a left hand turn onto 117 or off of 117 is a nightmare at peak commuting times. Mostly due to the traffic that gets back up on Pompositticut. Any hole that opens up in west bound 117 traffic is immediately plugged by people turning right off of Pompositticut.

Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider: Either merge red acre and pompo before entering 117. Or install a traffic light. Some arguments against the light have been it would cause large backups. However there is a light at the Bose complex that works just fine without impacting traffic. Please strongly consider fixing this intersection before someone gets injured or killed.

Please attach any documents you would like the Committee to review here:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:
<https://www.stow-ma.gov/node/143221/submission/2301>



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9.28.2021

Brian Callan
28 Red Acre Road
Stow, MA 01775

Hello Mr. Callan,

Thank you for your submission to the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee. The Committee has received your letter and will be discussing the concerns raised at an upcoming meeting of the Committee.

The intersections of Route 117 and Pompositticut Street and Red Acre Road were heavily reviewed during the design and engineering phase of the Lower Village Improvement Project. Three different traffic engineering firms reviewed the location and each provided a recommendation for the use of dedicated turning lanes and improved crosswalks to enhance safety in the area.

In June of 2019, the Planning Department hired Green International Affiliates, Inc. to peer review past assessments of the corridor. The following excerpt regarding the intersection of Route 117 and Pompositticut Street helped determine the current design of the intersections of Pompositticut Street, as well as Red Acre Road's intersection with Route 117:

“...using engineering judgment, it is our professional opinion that installing a traffic control signal at this intersection is not necessary/justified for the following reasons:

- High probability of not satisfying warrants 1 and 2;
- Crash data does not indicate that this intersection is a high crash area (well below state average);
- Overwhelming majority of the side street traffic are right turning movements, which are easier to complete and results in only one conflict point between side street and main street movements;
- Installing a signal at this intersection will likely cause delays and queue along Great Road as a trade-off to improving operational performance for Pompositticut Street, which could negatively affect a larger number drivers relative to existing conditions;
- Installing a signal does not appear to improve both safety and/or operations and therefore, installing a signal is not justified per MUTCD guidelines.”

As traffic volumes and development patterns continue to evolve in Stow, the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee, together with Town staff, will continue to watch for necessary upgrades in Lower Village.

Thank you again for your submission.

Sincerely,

Chief Michael Sallese

On behalf of the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

stowpolice

From: Stow MA via Stow MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 2, 2021 1:23 PM
To: stowpolice
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Submitted on Thursday, September 2, 2021 - 1:23pm

Submitted by anonymous user: [108.26.167.157](https://www.stow-ma.gov/node/143221/submission/2281)

Submitted values are:

First Name: Eileen

Last Name: Kramer

Street Address: 336 Great Road

Address Line 2:

City, State, Zip (if other than Stow): Stow

E-Mail Address: kramer@tiac.net

Please describe the location of the traffic concern: There is no safe access for pedestrians trying to cross at the lights to get to various town buildings, such as the library. Also, cars typically go over the speed limit on Great Road and have no incentive to slow down.

Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with : see above

Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider:

1. Enforce the speed limit more aggressively.
2. Put in lights that accommodate pedestrians.

Please attach any documents you would like the Committee to review here:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

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Town of Stow
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9.28.2021

Eileen Kramer
336 Great Road
Stow, MA 01775

Hello Ms. Kramer

Thank you for your submission to the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee. The Committee has received your letter and will be discussing the concerns raised at an upcoming meeting of the Committee.

The intersection of Route 117 and Route 62 in Town Center remains one of the Town's top priorities for traffic safety improvements. At the May 2021 Annual Town Meeting, residents voted to approve the allocation of funds for the development of conceptual pedestrian and traffic safety improvements throughout Town Center. The plans will be the first step in comprehensive upgrades to the intersection and greater Town Center street network. The Complete Streets Committee and the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee are working to ensure that the plans are eligible for state construction funding to expedite the improvements.

Additionally, Planning Department staff are working with the Metropolitan Planning Organization, Boston's regional transportation planning agency, to provide pro-bono traffic safety recommendations for the Town Center intersection. This grant funded work is expected to begin this fall and would provide further information for the Town to use for future upgrades.

Thank you again for your submission and please check the Committee's webpage through this fall for status updates on the Town Center Traffic Improvements.

Sincerely,

Chief Michael Sallèse

On behalf of the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

stowpolice

From: Stow MA via Stow MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 10:36 PM
To: stowpolice
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Submitted on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 - 10:36pm
Submitted by anonymous user: 2601:18f:900:6720:d883:f697:c43d:4ee2
Submitted values are:

First Name: David
Last Name: London
Street Address: 204 Randall Road
Address Line 2:
City, State, Zip (if other than Stow): 01775
E-Mail Address: davelondon@comcast.net

Please describe the location of the traffic concern: Intersection of Sudbury Rd. and State Rd.

Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with : Trying to turn left onto State Rd. during morning rush hour is difficult and dangerous.

Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider: I think a traffic signal at the intersection of Sudbury Rd. and State Rd. would make eminent sense.

Please attach any documents you would like the Committee to review here:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:
<https://www.stow-ma.gov/node/143221/submission/2266>



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9.28.2021

David London
204 Randall Road
Stow, MA 01775

Hello Mr. London,

Thank you for your submission to the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee. The Committee has received your letter and will be discussing the concerns raised at an upcoming meeting of the Committee.

The intersection of State Road and Sudbury Road is of keen interest to the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC). Specifically, it has been noted in the Town's Complete Streets Prioritization Plan, as an intersection that could benefit from safety enhancements. The TSAC has discussed the potential for utilizing traffic delineating posts to tighten the curve radius of the intersection, slowing vehicles prior to turning onto State Road and providing more definition to the intersection. This is something that the Committee could work with the Highway Department in implementing and monitor to determine its effectiveness.

When determining whether an unsignalized intersection warrants a traffic signal, traffic engineers are required to adhere to the Traffic Signal Warrant Analysis. However, based upon Sudbury Road's MassDOT classification, it is unlikely that the Sudbury Road/State Road intersection would satisfy some of the core signal warrants. Depending on evolving traffic patterns and further analysis of the intersection, this opinion could certainly change.

Thank you again for your submission.

Sincerely,

Chief Michael Sallèse

On behalf of the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

stowpolice

From: Stow MA via Stow MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
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Submitted on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 - 12:23pm

Submitted by anonymous user: [24.218.177.139](#)

Submitted values are:

First Name: Alison

Last Name: Bernard

Street Address: 22 Fairway Drive

Address Line 2:

City, State, Zip (if other than Stow):

E-Mail Address: alison.m.bernard@gmail.com

Please describe the location of the traffic concern: The intersection by Stow Acres where Randall meets Cross street.

Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with : At this intersection there is only a yield sign coming from one direction. A lot of people ignore the yield sign and it creates a dangerous traffic pattern for anyone going left on Cross from Randall.

Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider: I would like consideration of stop signs at that intersection.

Please attach any documents you would like the Committee to review here:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.stow-ma.gov/node/143221/submission/2226>



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**380 Great Road
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9.28.2021

Alison Bernard
22 Fairway Drive
Stow, MA 01775

Hello Ms. Bernard,

Thank you for your submission to the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee. The Committee has received your letter and will be discussing the concerns raised at an upcoming meeting of the Committee.

The intersection of Randall Road and Cross Street is an important location as it is the closest proximity to the proposed neighborhood as part of the Stow Acres conservation and redevelopment effort. This particular intersection was noted as an important piece of an expected traffic study as part of the project. It is anticipated that the traffic study will provide information and recommendations on safety upgrades, including signage, pavement markings and intersection alignment.

In the event the project does not move forward as planned, the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee will bring the request under advisement via an updated schedule.

Thank you again for your submission.

Sincerely,

Chief Michael Sallese

On behalf of the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

**STOW HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
POLICY ON THE USE OF SPEED BUMPS AS TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES**

Whereas, speed bumps are in impediment to the free, rapid, and safe flow of emergency vehicle traffic, such as fire engines, ambulances, police vehicles, and advanced life support units where rapid response is vital to the public health and safety, and where relatively smooth movement, free of unnecessary bumps, is also vital to the safety of firefighters who may be attempting to don protective firefighting or hazmat gear such as self-contained breathing apparatus, or rescue suits for water rescue, etc. while the responding vehicle is in motion; and

Whereas, speed bumps are an impediment to the health and safety of citizens who are being transported by ambulance, in such cases where rough movement of an ambulance can compromise the stability of bone fractures, and spinal dislocations where minor movements can result in spinal cord damage; and in such cases where rough movements can compromise the effectiveness of certain activities of emergency medical personnel such as the insertion of intravenous needles, tracheal or esophageal intubation, and CPR; and

Whereas, speed bumps tend to interrupt the normal or design flow of surface water which in turn can contribute to shorter pavement life; and

Whereas, speed bumps can be hazardous to the safety of snow plow operators and can damage snow plows; and

Whereas, speed bumps can prevent a road surface from being plowed off cleanly during snow events, thereby often requiring the application of additional abrasives and/ or melting agents which can be detrimental to the environment and are costly; and

Whereas, the need for traffic calming on any given road is purely a matter of personal opinion, often as a result of a misunderstanding by pedestrians of the actual speed of passing cars, and is rarely proven out by any technical or official means such as speed monitoring by radar, and in fact, the use of radar usually proves the lack of need for traffic calming; and

Whereas, the proliferation of speed bumps can be detrimental to commerce and can increase the use of fossil fuels; and

Whereas, the use of speed bumps on any particular road may reduce traffic on that particular road thereby increasing traffic on adjacent roads that may not be any more capable of safely handling the increased volume; and

Whereas, there are numerous other traffic calming devices available which have been proven to be safe and effective;

Therefore, it is determined that the use of speed bumps is detrimental to the public health, safety, welfare, and convenience of travel, and will not be allowed on public and private ways that are open to public use and maintained by the Town of Stow.

Stow Highway Department Policy established February, 1985
by Bruce E. Fletcher, Superintendent of Streets
updated September, 2001

Draft Notes on Pros and Cons on Speed Bumps

Pros

- Temporary Slows Vehicles Down

Cons

Temporary Speed Bumps

-Pavement Management

- Drilling, securing and removing damages road
- asphalt deterioration

-Drainage

- run off from water goes to the side of the road with no drainage or culvert

-Not Ada Complaint

-Cost 5k Plus repairs

-Unlit

Permanent Speed Bumps

-Drainage

- run off from water goes to the side of the road with no drainage or culvert

-Cost, 40-60k

- storm run off will have to comply with MS-4 Permits

-Plows

- Street must be a public roadway. Private roadways are not eligible for Town traffic calming efforts, as these are not Town-owned roadways.
- Roadways classified as **collectors** (streets designed to serve 15 or more existing, proposed or potential dwelling units and to act as a connection to other streets) or **arterials** (streets designed to carry through-traffic that does not have its origin or destination within that neighborhood) may not be eligible for speed humps or other physical installations if these result in a significant change to previously established and accepted traffic flow patterns in Wayland.
- Street may not have more than two travel lanes and requires a posted speed limit of 35 mph or less.
- Speed humps or raised crosswalks may not be installed on primary emergency response routes as determined by the Board of Public Works in collaboration with the Wayland Fire Chief and Police Chief.

RESUBMISSIONS OF TRAFFIC CALMING REQUESTS

Any traffic calming request that is denied at any stage of the process described above may not be re-submitted for a minimum of two (2) years from the time that the request was denied by the Board. However, the Board may initiate a review within two (2) years if the Board determines a new review is warranted.

FUTURE POLICY CHANGES & PROGRAM MONITORING/REVIEW

The Board and DPW will continue to review and revise this traffic calming policy as the Town's needs changes evolve, Mass. DOT changes state policies and/or guidelines, as a result of community feedback, and through continued process improvement efforts.

The DPW will monitor this program and conduct a formal review of its progress on an annual basis and report its findings to the Board. The Board must approve modifications to this Policy based on the town's experience and public feedback in managing traffic calming projects. The public is encouraged to offer feedback on the program to the DPW, 41 Cochituate Road, Wayland, MA 01778, Attn: DPW Director.

Foxborough, Massachusetts

40 South Street, Foxborough, MA 02035

Speed Control Methods

Commonly Requested Methods to Control Speed

What Unrealistic Speed Limits Do

Plan of Action

Posting Reasonable and Proper Speed Limits

What Realistic Speed Limits Do

Neighborhood Involvement

Commonly Requested Methods to Control Speed

Speed bumps (also known as speed humps or pavement undulations) are often requested because they are perceived as a quick and effective solution to speeding. They are intended to be uncomfortable to drive over if they are crossed over at higher speeds. However, speed bumps may present a potential hazard to all vehicles and an immediate danger to motorcyclists and emergency vehicles. Emergency vehicle response time is slowed about 10 seconds for each speed bump, which can be significant when responding to fires or medical emergencies. Speed bumps increase noise levels 10 to 20 decibels when wheels hit the bump. This increase in noise can be bothersome in quiet residential neighborhoods. In the winter—they also hamper snow and ice removal efforts. For these reasons, the Town of Foxborough generally does not install speed bumps on public streets.

Stop signs are not successful in slowing traffic except near the stop sign. Drivers try to make up for the delay by speeding up between stop-controlled intersections. This quick acceleration increases noise and air pollution near the signs. Stop signs are only appropriate for establishing right-of-way. The Town of Foxborough installs stop signs at an intersection only after a careful engineering evaluation of the existing conditions demonstrates the installation is appropriate.

"Slow Children at Play" signs are often requested on residential streets. These signs tend to create a false sense of security for parents and children who believe the signs provide an added degree of protection from motorists. If signs encourage parents with children to believe they have an added degree of protection, which the signs do not and cannot provide, a great disservice results. Children should not be encouraged to play within the roadway. Although these signs used to be common on public streets, they are no longer approved by the Federal Highway Administration as official traffic control devices. For these reasons, the Town of Foxborough generally no longer installs these signs.

Lowering of the speed limit is often requested by citizens in an effort to slow traffic. Before and after studies have shown that there is no significant change in prevailing speeds when the speed limit is changed. Drivers will continue to travel at speeds they feel are safe and prudent despite the posted limit. The posting of the appropriate speed limit simplifies the job of law enforcement officers, since most of the traffic is voluntarily moving at the posted speed. Blatant speeders are easily spotted, safe drivers are not penalized, and patrol officers aren't asked to enforce unrealistic and arbitrary speed limits.

Unrealistic speed limits can also present a safety hazard. Some drivers will obey the lower posted speed limit while others will feel it's unreasonable and simply ignore it. This disrupts the uniform traffic flow and increases crash potential between the faster and the slower traffic. Traffic flowing at a uniform speed results in increased safety and fewer accidents. Drivers are less impatient, pass less often, and tailgate less, which reduces both head-on and rear-end collisions.

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Posting Reasonable and Proper Speed Limits

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts set requirements and procedures for setting speed limits. Engineering and traffic surveys are conducted which includes an analysis of roadway conditions, accident records, and a sampling of the prevailing speed of traffic. The speed limit is normally set near the speed at which 85% of the surveyed vehicles do not exceed. The speed limit can be reduced if there is a history of speed-related accidents or roadway conditions not readily apparent to motorists. Setting speed limits in this manner allows the police to enforce using radar. Radar is by far the most efficient method of speed enforcement.

State law establishes certain prima facie speed limits. They include the 30 MPH speed limit in business and residence districts and 20 MPH in school zones when children are present. These speed limits do not need to be posted to be enforced.

Needham Traffic Management Advisory Committee Commonly Asked Questions Concerning Traffic and Safety

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What is a Warrant?

A warrant is a set of conditions, listed in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, which must be met in order to post traffic signs or signals.

Can the Town put up speed limit signs on local roads?

The design and usage of all traffic control devices such as signs, signals and markings are governed by the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). This manual has been prepared by the Federal Highway Administration, with additional amendments adopted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. It applies to all streets, roads and highways, regardless of the governmental agency having jurisdiction over them. Speed limit signs, in particular, require a permit from the Massachusetts Highway Department and can only be installed after a traffic study is completed which justifies a new speed limit.

How are speed limits set?

Needham has 130 miles of roadway. Most Needham streets are considered "thickly settled" and have a 30 mph speed limit as established by state law. In non-thickly settled areas, where the buildings on a street are more than 200 feet apart from one another, the state law speed limit is 40 mph. The State's speed limit can only be changed if justified by an engineering traffic study. The new speed limit established by law would be set at the 85th percentile speed of free flowing traffic.

What effect do posted speed limits have on actual speeds?

Before and after studies on new speed limit signs consistently demonstrate that there are no significant changes in traffic speed following the posting of new speed limit signs. Tests done by the TMAC and the Police Department show that the vast majority of Needham motorists drive at 30 mph or less, and that observer tend to overestimate the speed of passing cars.

Won't stop signs reduce speeds, deter cut through traffic, and make streets safer to walk, bike and play on?

When implemented for the wrong reasons, stop signs create more problems than they solve. When stop signs are placed on one street, speeds tend to increase on the intersecting street. In these instances, motorists assume they no longer have to drive as cautiously through the intersection, because the other car is required to stop.

Under what conditions are stop signs beneficial?

The MUTCD lists the situations and conditions, or "warrants," where stop signs may be appropriate. In general, they should be used where traffic volumes, restricted sightlines or the assignment of right-of-way is required.

When are new crosswalks installed?

In order to justify the installation of a new crosswalk, a pedestrian volume study must be conducted. That study must show conclusively that there is heavy pedestrian volume and crossing at the requested site, and that there is no other crosswalk in the vicinity that

could accommodate this pedestrian volume. Additionally, there must be ample sight lines for drivers on the approach to the proposed crosswalk location, in both directions. State laws mandate that crosswalks have granite curbing and ramps on both sides, and signs in both directions, for a cost to the town of approximately \$10,000.

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When is a traffic signal installed?

Traffic signals are a tremendous investment for the Town. Design and installation costs routinely exceed \$250,000 for intersections where signals are installed. Therefore, the Town must carefully prioritize where and when traffic signals will be installed. When determining whether or not a traffic signal is necessary at a specific location, the Engineering Division evaluates "traffic signal warrants" used by traffic engineers throughout the United States to help determine appropriate signal locations.

Speeding is a terrible problem on my street. Can I get speed bumps installed in front of my house?

Speed bumps result in an increased risk of personal injury to unsuspecting motorists and bicyclists. They would also become damaged or removed entirely by snow plows. Traffic studies show that speed bumps only lower the speed of traffic directly adjacent to the bump. The average speed on streets where speed bumps are installed remains unchanged. Speed bumps are not recommended for use on any public street.

Why isn't there more Police enforcement of traffic laws?

Needham Police do enforce traffic laws in addition to their other law enforcement and investigative responsibilities. A new Mobile Speed Detection Unit has been purchased by the town which is helping to educate drivers about speed limits, as well as to collect speed and traffic data.

What can be done to improve the traffic situation on Needham streets?

The solution to traffic is not to obstruct the flow by pushing traffic into different neighborhoods. The real solution is to upgrade and improve the traffic handling capabilities of the main thoroughfares, or "through" streets. This means implementing physical improvements of the roads and synchronizing traffic controls to accommodate actual vehicle speeds. If main streets provide convenient access between home, work and shopping destinations, motorists will use them instead of using alternate routes through residential neighborhoods.

Where can I get more information?

Town of Needham: www.town.needham.ma.us

Massachusetts Highway Division: www.mass.gov/mhd

Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices: www.mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov

Town of Gilbert, AZ traffic website: www.ci.gilbert.az.us

U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, "Effects of Raising and Lowering Speed Limits on Selected Roadway Sections," Report No. FHWA-RD-92-084, June 1996

The term “traffic calming” is simply a device to put a favorable spin on tactics used to obstruct, divert and slow traffic.

Although proponents usually couch their complaints in terms like “speeders” and “reckless drivers,” the true irritant for “traffic calming” advocates is “heavy” traffic. Their desired objective is to divert traffic to other streets outside their neighborhood. The devices employed to accomplish this diversion of traffic include stop signs, speed humps and bumps, lane narrowing obstructions, and absurdly low speed limits.

Increased traffic on residential streets is often caused by misguided and ill-informed management of the main arterials and collector streets. These streets are designed to carry most of the traffic, keeping it off of residential streets.

The solution to this problem is not to further obstruct traffic flow by pushing the problem into someone else’s neighborhood. The real solution is to upgrade and improve the traffic handling capabilities of main thoroughfares.

This means implementing physical improvements, as well as raising speed limits and synchronizing traffic controls to accommodate actual vehicle speeds. If main streets provide convenient access between home, work and shopping destinations, motorists will use them, versus alternate routes through residential neighborhoods.

There are several specific reasons why traffic calming should be avoided:

1) Traffic obstruction devices can increase response time for emergency vehicles.

When seconds matter, having to slow to pass over speed bumps and humps or navigate narrow roadways can mean the difference between life and death, or the loss of one’s home. The fact that some of these devices can seriously damage emergency vehicles and other vehicles along the roadway is also a concern.

2) Traffic obstruction devices can increase congestion on other streets and create problems in other neighborhoods.

If traffic obstruction devices divert traffic to other streets, they may compound congestion problems that already exist in those areas. If not successful in diverting traffic to other streets, traffic obstruction devices will compound congestion problems on the streets on which they are installed.

3. Traffic obstruction devices will increase vehicle wear and tear, air pollution, and noise.

Braking and accelerating in response to speed bumps, speed humps, stop signs, and traffic signals increases fuel consumption and emissions. This can contradict other efforts to reduce emissions and contribute to a community becoming or remaining a “non-attainment” air quality zone, thereby being subjected to federal mandates and restrictions.

4. Traffic obstruction devices can increase street maintenance costs.

Speed bumps and humps impede plowing and street cleaning equipment. Removable devices may soon be available, although they will require additional labor to install and remove them. Municipalities must maintain and repair stop signs and traffic signals, at taxpayer expense, of course.

5. Traffic obstruction devices increase a community’s liability for accidents attributed to such devices.

6. Traffic obstruction devices may cause physical discomfort, even pain, for disabled persons or persons with physical ailments.

Being jolted or jostled by speed bumps and humps can be painful for persons with injuries or painful illnesses.

7. Traffic obstruction devices create neighborhood friction.

Not all persons (not even most persons) on a given street will appreciate having to run an obstacle course every time they drive to or from home. Some traffic obstruction opponents blow their horns or yell verbal insults when having to slow or stop for speed bumps or humps. Frequently, the response to unnecessary stop signs is to ignore them.

Chief Michael Sallese

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Sent: Thursday, September 23, 2021 11:14 AM
To: Chief Michael Sallese
Subject: FW: Queue Clarification

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jesse

From: Casey Claude <cclaude@ctps.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 23, 2021 10:01 AM
To: Jesse Steadman <planning@stow-ma.gov>; Malcolm Ragan <planning2@stow-ma.gov>
Cc: Mark Abbott <mabbott@ctps.org>
Subject: Queue Clarification

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Have a great day,

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stowpolice

From: Stow MA via Stow MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 11:36 AM
To: stowpolice
Subject: Form submission from: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Request Submittal Form

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Submitted on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 - 11:35am
 Submitted by anonymous user: 2601:18f:901:5710:48bb:4256:2124:c538
 Submitted values are:

First Name: Blake
 Last Name: Staley
 Street Address: 107 Harvard Rd
 Address Line 2:
 City, State, Zip (if other than Stow):
 E-Mail Address: stalryblake@gmail.com

Please describe the location of the traffic concern: Hello - hope this message finds you well. We are so glad and grateful you have started this group for Stow. We live at the bottom of the hill on Harvard rd (on the RT 117 end). People drive SO FAST down Harvard rd particularly around the blind corner at the bottom of the hill (right in front of our house!). I have made formal complaints to the Stow Police Dept and talked to them about it when they were here assisting the town remove trees on the power lines. 25MPH is to fast for this road with blind corners and difficult sightlines. What is even worse is that lots of construction vehicles and large trucks BARRELL down the road with little respect for any of the residents. As a bypass road between 495 and 117 we get a ton of traffic for a local road. Just five minutes ago i was coming back from Shaws and two ladies were walking down the street a huge truck came down the road going fast - both us (my wife and I) and the ladies walking told him to slow down with our hands and out the window and he replied "Im going 30!". It is still to fast.

Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with : We need people going much much slower on this road. In all honesty this situation is very close to home in our house these days. My youngest dog Marty was killed by pick up truck going WAY to fast less than 2 months ago. The driver was going so fast that he didnt even have time to break before killing our young baby boy. He died in my arms, mangled and choking on his own blood from being hit and rolling over the wheel well of the pick up truck, in the back of a car trying to get to the vet. He was only 6 and was robbed of his life. Imagine if this had been a human child... it easily could have been, and to us he was our child who we loved more than anything. There is a hole in our hearts and in our home that will never be replaced. Reckless drivers can only be controlled one way - forcing them to slow down. We are new residents of Stow and moved in May of 2020. We want to start a family in this home and in the town of Stow for the long haul, but we are very concerned living on such a busy road. We have neighborhood kids all over this area. They bike up and down Harvard rd and like to play in the cul-de-sac on Partridge Lane (across from our house). It is very important to us to have EVERY car forced to slow down on this road where our dogs, neighbors and future children live.

Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider:
 Speed bumps! Speed bumps! Speed bumps! Bottom of the hill and around the corner - this is a problem for our house, but also the rest of the street as people love to zoom down this road. The more speed bumps the better honestly. 10mph speed limit! No 18 wheelers and construction vehicles allowed! I greatly appreciate you time and attention to this important local safety issue. I would be happy to participate in whatever capacity to spare future families and generations the pain associated with reckless drivers. Thank you again for setting up this Committee.

Sincerely,

Concerned Stow Local - New Homeowner - Future Father

Blake Staley

Please attach any documents you would like the Committee to review here:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.stow-ma.gov/node/143221/submission/2381>

stowpolice

From: Stow MA via Stow MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 12:21 PM
To: stowpolice
Subject: Form submission from: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Request Submittal Form

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Submitted on Monday, September 20, 2021 - 12:21pm

Submitted by anonymous user: [98.118.83.33](#)

Submitted values are:

First Name: Joan & Ken

Last Name: Duchi

Street Address: 209 Hudson Rd.

Address Line 2:

City, State, Zip (if other than Stow): Stow

E-Mail Address: kduchi@mmcis.com

Please describe the location of the traffic concern: Hudson Road in general, perhaps more so along straightaways

Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with : primarily speeding, along with unnecessary heavy accelerating of motorcycles and some vehicles

Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider:

-reduced speed limits

-speed notifying signals that alert speed of approaching vehicles along with speed limit as found on other roads in the area

-live radar patrols

Please attach any documents you would like the Committee to review here:

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<https://www.stow-ma.gov/node/143221/submission/2371>

stowpolice

From: Stow MA via Stow MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 9:43 AM
To: stowpolice
Subject: Form submission from: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Request Submittal Form

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Submitted on Friday, September 17, 2021 - 9:43am
Submitted by anonymous user: [68.160.162.45](#)
Submitted values are:

First Name: Benjamin
Last Name: LaPointe
Street Address: 43 Wheeler Road
Address Line 2:
City, State, Zip (if other than Stow): Stow
E-Mail Address: benjamin.lapointe@gmail.com

Please describe the location of the traffic concern: All of Wheeler Road

Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with : Excessive speeding on Wheeler Rd. I walk daily along the road in the morning. The last few mornings this week between 6:55am and 7:05am there has been a late 90s or early 2000s white Chevy full size pickup truck speeding at between 45 and 50 mph on Wheeler Rd, traveling south from Great Rd to Gleasondale. They seem to slow down slightly as they approach the bridge over the brook and past the golf course.

Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider: Please monitor during commuting hours and actually give violations, not just warnings, for speeding offenders.

Please attach any documents you would like the Committee to review here:

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<https://www.stow-ma.gov/node/143221/submission/2366>

stowpolice

From: Stow MA via Stow MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 9:49 PM
To: stowpolice
Subject: Form submission from: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Request Submittal Form

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Submitted on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 - 9:48pm

Submitted by anonymous user: [68.163.101.249](#)

Submitted values are:

First Name: Maureen

Last Name: Hattersley

Street Address: 14 Woodman Dr

Address Line 2:

City, State, Zip (if other than Stow):

E-Mail Address: merthatt@gmail.com

Please describe the location of the traffic concern: Hastings Street

Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with : Cars and trucks speed both ways on the road every day making it dangerous to walk or bike along the road. Neighbors have put up signs hoping to encourage them to slow down but to no avail. I've lived here for 20 years and the problem has become worse over the last couple of years.

Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider: Additional police radar on a regular basis. While it may be annoying to those of us that live on or off Hastings and cost money, speed humps in 2 or 3 points along the road may slow people down. I have seen these in neighboring towns and think they could be a good solution.

Please attach any documents you would like the Committee to review here:

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From: Stow MA via Stow MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 2:01 PM
To: stowpolice
Subject: Form submission from: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Request Submittal Form

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Submitted on Monday, September 13, 2021 - 2:00pm

Submitted by anonymous user: [98.118.115.58](#)

Submitted values are:

First Name: Fatima

Last Name: Olcay

Street Address: 142 Walcott Street

Address Line 2:

City, State, Zip (if other than Stow): Stow

E-Mail Address: fatimamaria987@gmail.com

Please describe the location of the traffic concern: Walcott Street at the intersections of Pennie LN and Jillian LN.

Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with : There are 2 dangerous blind spots on Walcott Street at the intersections of Pennie LN and Jillian LN. With the construction vehicles traveling to Pennie LN, this area has become very dangerous for the pedestrians and cyclists that frequently travel Walcott Street. The turns are very narrow and we are scared of accidents occurring.

Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider: Put mirrors at these 2 intersections

Please attach any documents you would like the Committee to review here:

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stowpolice

From: Stow MA via Stow MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 12, 2021 3:04 PM
To: stowpolice
Subject: Form submission from: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Request Submittal Form

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Submitted on Sunday, September 12, 2021 - 3:03pm

Submitted by anonymous user: [72.21.196.65](#)

Submitted values are:

First Name: Nathan

Last Name: Michel

Street Address: 32 South Acton Road

Address Line 2:

City, State, Zip (if other than Stow): Stow

E-Mail Address: nathanemichel@gmail.com

Please describe the location of the traffic concern: South Acton Road, heading away from intersection with West Acton Road, and where speed limit transitions to 45 MPH.

Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with : This problem is constant. Even following the lines being updated to be double yellow, the high rate of speed is excessive, and hasn't stopped passing on double yellow. Vehicles use the straightaway as a drag strip, or operate as though its the autobahn. I would also highlight that the speeding is in both directions, to and from the intersection with West Acton Road. If you live here, you're concerned about your child waiting for the bus, and extremely wary when backing out of the driveway.

Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider: I'm not sure about solutions, but it needs to be more than what's happening now, and there needs to be some acknowledgement from the town as part of this process. Perhaps a trip out at various points of the day to see the high rate of speed in real time.

Maybe its reducing the speed limit from 45. I'm sure a fairly large percentage of violators are from those not residing in Stow, but doesn't speak to the issue overall. Having lived here for more than 3 years now, I have not once seen a traffic stop on South Acton Road.

Please attach any documents you would like the Committee to review here:

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<https://www.stow-ma.gov/node/143221/submission/2341>

stowpolice

From: Stow MA via Stow MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
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Submitted on Saturday, September 11, 2021 - 3:17pm
Submitted by anonymous user: 2601:18f:903:39f0:93:4a38:472d:a530
Submitted values are:

First Name: Cynthia
Last Name: Wolfe
Street Address: 34 Meeting House Lane
Address Line 2: Apartment 307
City, State, Zip (if other than Stow):
E-Mail Address: wolfecyn@gmail.com

Please describe the location of the traffic concern: Route 117 through Lower Village, in front of the shopping plaza
Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with : I think the speed limit of 35 is too high in this congested area. It's hard to pull out from any of the shopping areas, and cars coming around the corner near the post office are going so fast that it's also hard to pull out from Elm Ridge Road on to Route 117. Cars that are not turning are going too fast to permit for safety in the crosswalks.
Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider: 30 mph speed limit from the cemetery to Deerfield Lane
Please attach any documents you would like the Committee to review here:

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From: Stow MA via Stow MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 3:35 PM
To: stowpolice
Subject: Form submission from: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Request Submittal Form

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Submitted on Thursday, September 9, 2021 - 3:35pm

Submitted by anonymous user: [173.76.36.158](#)

Submitted values are:

First Name: Patricia

Last Name: Rivetts

Street Address: 45 Samuel Prescott Drive

Address Line 2:

City, State, Zip (if other than Stow):

E-Mail Address: p_rivetts@yahoo.com

Please describe the location of the traffic concern:

1. Shaw's shopping plaza. Would like to see traffic slowed down to 30 mph as all the surrounding town have done through their main area. Would also like to see the stop sign put back up behind Shaws. The trucks tend to just come right out from behind there without stopping.

Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with :

Samuel Prescott Drive. This road is a private way, but the signs have been stolen I guess. We asked about a year ago to have replaced, but not done yet. Also would

be nice to have a speed sign put on this road. This road is being used by all the trucks going to the Shaw's plaza now. This is recent like in the past year. Little Debbie's, bread trucks and even some of the big semi's. The road is not paved and is my understanding that it for local traffic only???

Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider:

Stop sign behind Shaw's. Maybe paint the word STOP on the road too. Enforce the town noise laws for behind Shaw's ie the dump truck picking up their trash likes to come at 4/5:00 AM and empty their trash. (very loud). Also the trash across the street from Shaw's, between Shaw's and the post office. The trash is always blowing across the street. That area ALWAYS has trash there.

Speed sign and private way signs for Samuel Prescott Drive

Please attach any documents you would like the Committee to review here:

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Sent: Friday, September 24, 2021 10:48 AM
To: stowpolice
Subject: Form submission from: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Request Submittal Form

Submitted on Friday, September 24, 2021 - 10:47am

Submitted by anonymous user: [173.48.14.251](#)

Submitted values are:

First Name: Brian

Last Name: Martinson

Street Address: 43 Pompositticut Rd.

Address Line 2:

City, State, Zip (if other than Stow):

E-Mail Address: bamartinson@gmail.com

Please describe the location of the traffic concern: The entire length of Pompositticut Rd. from Route 117 to the Maynard border.

Please describe the nature of the neighborhood traffic problem you are concerned with :

This is an exceptionally dangerous road for pedestrians and vehicle operators. The posted speed limit is 25mph on its entire length (with good reason). It has many curves and another portion is quite steep. Very few vehicle operators drive the speed limit (not even close) and the negative result is two-fold.

(1) There are an inordinate number of cars who fail to safely traverse many of the road's dangerous curves. Often this results in cars driving onto the shoulder, wiping out and sometimes hitting trees. I've seen many serious accidents occur (especially near or at the end of my driveway) resulting in serious injury as well as damage to property (e.g., cars, mailboxes, damaged road shoulders and driveways). I believe a quick examination of police and fire department logs will document the unusually high number of accidents on this road. At one time the police department policed the speed limit here frequently (at least once per week, with a cruiser usually camped out in my driveway(or neighbors driveways). This level of enforcement activity has not occurred for many years.

(2) My greatest concern is for pedestrians using the sidewalk (usually on their way to, or returning from, the shopping plaza). It's quite scary walking that sidewalk where cars and trucks whiz by you at 40+ mph! Especially for residents who are well aware of the frequency of wipeouts on this stretch of road. It is a serious human health and safety hazard. Why don't you walk this sidewalk and gauge how safe you feel (especially on the curves)?

Please list possible solutions to the problem that you would like the Town of Stow to consider:

There are several:

(1) Here's the easy one: Please post more speed limit signage on this road. Currently there is only one sign at the Maynard border and one near the LV Cemetery. There should be at least one or two more on either side of the road (I suggest placement just before the curves in both directions). In addition, the LV sign is should be moved further down the road closer to neighborhood homes. Here's why: Vehicles driving on 117 (and turning onto Pompositticut) don't often notice the speed limit sign. By the time they make the turn and straighten out their wheel the sign has passed them (it just doesn't register; try it). This simple sign placement project costs almost nothing and would at least marginally improve the speeding situation.

(2) Periodically (or permanently) place an electronic speed sign to remind drivers that they are over the speed limit. I've lived here for close to 30 years. Those driving at or near the 25mph speed limit is a rare occurrence. Most drivers are way in excess of this. A quick study using a speed gun will confirm this. I've done it.

(3) The town police should resume periodic traffic enforcement (for speed) on this road. And please don't issue warnings; issue ticket with fines (as this sends a stronger message).

I'm happy to discuss this issue and potential solutions with the Committee if that is valuable. Pompositticut Road is a

small (but tight) neighborhood. I'm confident my neighbors have the same concerns as me.
Please attach any documents you would like the Committee to review here:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

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