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March 5, 2020

Ms. Carly Wilcox
13 Circuit Road
Dedham, MA 02026

RE: Traffic Calming Request Form #2019-006 – Madison Street

Ms. Wilcox,

Based upon the data presented in the Initial Traffic Evaluation dated 02/03/20 that was provided to you and the public meeting held to discuss this request with the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), the TAC is informing you that your Traffic Calming Request for Madison Street is not being recommended for traditional traffic calming measures since it did not score greater than 50 points based upon the criterion presented in Table 1 of the latest version of the Town's Traffic Calming Policy.

Although Madison Street does not qualify for traditional traffic calming measures, the TAC would like to provide you with some options for low-cost traffic calming measures that can be utilized by you and your neighborhood. These low-cost measures when utilized properly have shown reductions in vehicular speeds.

- Purchasing a Step2 Kid Alert Visual Warning System – These can be purchased at Wal-Mart or Amazon.com and other similar retail and online stores for about \$25 to \$35. The Step2 Kid should be placed at the end of your driveway so it is visible to motorists. This should only be placed out during times when kids are actually outside playing. By having it out all the time, it will reduce its effectiveness. Studies have shown that when used properly, it usually aids in the reduction of vehicle speeds.



Photo of Step 2 Kid Alert

- Work with your neighbors to park your cars on either side of the street in a staggered fashion as to reduce the openness of the roadway while still allowing for the safe passage of emergency response vehicles (i.e. Police, Ambulance, Fire Engine). This measure physically narrows the roadway making the motorist slow down to negotiate by the parked vehicles.
- Coordinate with the Police Department to see if they can place their mobile “Your Speed Is” sign on Madison Street a couple of times throughout the year. Also coordinate with the Police Department to see if there can be occasional increased police presence at Oakdale School during pick-up and drop-off times to enforce the school zone.

Also, to note is that the Department of Public Works will be installing any missing signage and restriping all faded or missing pavement marks associated with the school zone for Oakdale School in the Spring as the weather gets warmer.

If you believe that the speeds and/or conditions on Madison Street have become worse, you are eligible to submit another Traffic Calming Request one year from the date of this letter. Please feel free to contact the Director of Engineering, Jason Mammone, P.E., at 781-751-9352 should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of John Bethoney.

John Bethoney, Chairman

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