

## Speidel, Marn

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**Subject:** RE: Whittier Street

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From: Colarusso, Anthony  
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 3:57 PM  
To: Breault, William  
Cc: Speidel, Marn  
Subject: Fw: Whittier Street

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From: Steele, Doug  
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 03:53 PM  
To: Robert Lewis <lecauchemar@comcast.net>  
Cc: Parker, Christopher G.; Colarusso, Anthony  
Subject: RE: Whittier Street

Mr. Lewis,

I have shared and discussed your concerns with the Planning Director and Police Chief. The CIP process will begin in a week or so and we have agreed to add a request for a sidewalk on Whittier Street between Sixth Street and Glenwood Avenue to the plan.

The Police Chief will be assigning his staff to put out traffic count equipment as soon as they can. It is my understanding in order to reduce the speed limit to 25 MPH a traffic study is required. The traffic count information will be helpful in determining if this is necessary.

I will be driving the street this afternoon to evaluate current signage and will have signs replaced or installed where warranted.

Due to staffing limitations I can not assign staff to pick up debris along the edge of the road; however we often receive requests for community service details and will keep this in mind for the future.

Thank you for bringing these issues to my attention and we will try and rectify some of your concerns.

If you have any questions or additional comments please do not hesitate in contacting us.

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From: Robert Lewis [mailto:lecauchemar@comcast.net]  
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2011 3:52 PM  
To: Steele, Doug  
Subject: Whittier Street

To: Dough Steele  
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RE:Whittier Street Traffic Concerns.

As I wrote and later articulated several concerns about Safety and Appearances on Upper Whittier Street, specifically North Whittier, I am forwarding a summary list of my and other peoples' interests and concerns.

What is stated here is not research work but a simple summary of my observations.

#### 1. Safety:

- \* Remember that some major construction has been installed west of the street which adds to the traffic: E.g. Liberty Mutual, the Industrial Park, the School Research buildings and others.

- \* The lack of walking space on a busy street which has no sidewalk.

- \* Also there is occasional foot traffic from lower Whittier street Federal housing travelers.

- \* Walking animals is a poor road choice.

- \* A small number of children walk the street during school sessions.

- \* Others travel the street for shopping, bike riding, exercise and etc.

- \* The street is especially busy during early and late working hours. No recent traffic count has been made that I know about. Yet, it is often called "Central Avenue West."

- \* Street signs are limited and frequently ignored.

#### 2. Appearances

- \* With all the waste discards and other such materials the upper part of the street is simply dirty and ugly.

- \* The white fog line is helpful but not enough.

- \* The travel bus passes through daily.

- \* Though improved bushes and general side street growth limits safety of walkers, bikers and others.

#### Conclusion:

As stated above, this is a summary of concerns. It is also an appeal to you to take the concerns and improve the situation.

You promised to do something which would reduce the current problems and make provisions for the future but I haven't heard a direct constructive response from you since I started this exercise.

Is there enough info here to get started? Do you need more? Why can't better and more visible street signs be added? The speed limit could be adjusted to 25 mph. Can't a traffic study be done to get some basic data? What else do you need?

I don't want to make this a public policy issue but I will if that's my only option.