

Hi Janice -

Please refer this communication to the traffic operations committee.

December 23. 2018

Kensington Rd Traffic

Rob, thank you for meeting with us and giving us an opportunity to discuss what we see as a major safety issue in our neighborhood.

Being in the hospital / high school zone, our concern is twofold. High traffic volume and excessive speed on our street. We see similarities in our situation to that of the "college streets" off Clinton Street approaching McGee Square. We see the biggest problem in the midafternoon timeframe, 3PM to 6PM when the high school lets out and the hospital shift changes. The backup at the HS light forces traffic up Kensington in large numbers.

One solution that we have talked about is making Kensington no left turn heading east from the hospital toward the high school lights, similar to the Clinton Street remedy. Probably from 2 to 6PM. Another solution might involve having the traffic experts look at the high school intersection and determine why the traffic backs up so far on Pleasant St.

The speed issue is a more difficult one and we know it is problem for people all over town as evidenced by all of the signs popping up, "Drive like your kids live here." Something to consider might be gradual bump outs that narrow the entrance to Kensington Rd. off School Street. I think that School St. is getting redone next year so perhaps the traffic experts can investigate this option.

We appreciate your time and effort looking into these safety issue for us.

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Joan Goshgarian

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Thanks!

Best,

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