



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Deputy Police Chief Keith G. Mitchell

DATE: July 21, 2017

SUBJECT: Woodcrest Heights Association's request for a speed deterrent to help ensure the safety of residents.

Recommendation

Accept this report.

Background

During the Woodcrest Heights Association annual meeting, members unanimously voiced a safety concern around vehicles driving through the neighborhood at speeds perceived to be well above the legal limit. This is a family neighborhood with many children and elderly citizens and the Association asked that the City of Concord assist in ensuring the safety of the residents. The Association requested "increased patrols by the Concord Police Department and speed bumps or speed tables."

Discussion

The Concord Police Department partnered with Robert Mack (City of Concord Traffic Engineer and Chairperson of the Traffic Operation Committee) to look at this concern. A determination was made to assess the problem more thoroughly before enforcement actions were taken. Mr. Mack arranged to have a radar counter placed just north of the southern Chesterfield Drive intersection. The count commenced on Thursday 6/22 and end on Sunday 6/25.

Sgt. Charlie Wroblewski met with the Association President, Carol Roberge, and explained the action plan. All were in agreement.

On June 28th Robert Mack provided his results of the radar count. The total vehicles recorded during the 4 day period were 3,200. The speed limit in this area is 30 mph. The average speed was 26 mph and 85 % of the vehicles were traveling less than 29-30 mph. Only 5 vehicles, mostly southbound, were traveling in excess of 40 mph.

On July 29th Sgt. Wroblewski followed up with the Association President following this study and relayed the information gathered. Additional directed patrols were conducted by the Police Department the following week and no violations were observed. At this point there does not appear to be a widespread speeding issue, but rather the actions of a small number of

inconsiderate drivers in the neighborhood. The Concord Police Department will continue to monitor the area and address any additional concerns as they arise.