June 5, 2024

Submitted to: MR. ERICH LANGE
Transportation Development Officer
WEST NORTH AVE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
2500 WEST NORTH AVE
BALTIMORE, MD 21216

REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CALMING STUDY PACKET

FOR: THE INSTALLATION OF SPEED HUMPS ON 2900 BLOCK OF PRESBURY STREET BALTIMORE, MD 21216

SUBMITTED BY: RASHIDAH S. JONES

THANK-YOU FOR YOUR ASSISSTANCE WITH OUR COMMUNITY SAFETY MR. LANGE.

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June 4, 2024 11:25AM

311 Report of need for Speed Humps on 2900 Block of Presbury Street Baltimore, MD, 21216

Describe Problems:

Reported the extreme safety hazards we have been experiencing on our block/2900 Presbury Street 2 Blocks from the eastern side of North Ave between Kingwood Street and Poplar Grove Street in West Baltimore, 21216.

The problems stem from excessive speeding and ignoring stop signs as if they are not even there. This has caused frequent traffic accidents most of them hit and run, leaving no one to accept responsibility for property damages and destruction of our city services. City street lights have frequently had to be replaced, which takes a long time. Our fire hydrants have had to be replaced 3 times in the 7 years I have lived here.

Even more concerning are the extreme safety hazards for our residents especially our young children, seniors and handicapped residents. They are often terrified to exit their cars on the street side for fear of getting hit by a car or their car door being hit.

Rashidah Jones

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Gmail rashidah jones <rashidahann@gmail.com>

Speed Humps/2900 Block of Presbury Street

1 message

rashidah jones <rashidahann@gmail.com> Thu, May 9, 2024 at 9:47 PM
To: erich@wnada.org

Hello Erich, my name is Rashidah Jones. I spoke with you briefly at the WNADA Comprehensive Revitalization Plan Roll Out meeting held on April 20,2024 at Unity Hall. Our conversation was regarding my extreme frustration in dealing with the previous Baltimore City administration to obtain speed humps on the 2900 block of Presbury Street, Baltimore MD 21216. Presbury Street is in west Baltimore 2 blocks from the eastern side of North Ave between Longwood Street and Poplar Grove Street. I submitted a Request For Traffic Calming Study packet. It took a lot of time to gather and submit the information that was requested of me as the contact person. I had to convince residents to trust in a process they had participated in twice before and saw no results. I told them I would try my best and this is what I did.
Before giving up on the process a third time I ask if I can bring this packet to you in person Mr.Lange to move this extreme safety concern for our community forward.

Thank-You
Rashidah Jones

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CITY OF BALTIMORE

BERNARD C "JACK" YOUNG, Mayor

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

STEVE SHARKEY, Acting Director

417 E Calvert Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

June 11, 2020

Mr. Jones
2935 Presbury Street
Baltimore, MD 21216

Email: djones6553@gmail.com

Dear Mr. Jones:

The Department of Transportation (DOT) is in receipt of your 311 Service Request for the installation of speed humps along the block of 2900 Presbury Street.

In order for our Traffic Division to conduct an investigation, the following action must be taken:

1. Contact your community association and share your concerns. This assures that the association is aware of this matter and can share with the community.

2. If your community association is in agreement, they are required to submit a formal community association support letter on the community's behalf, along with the completed traffic calming study form by **mid-July 2020** (form attached). The letter must be written on the community association's letterhead.

The Community Association listed for your area is:

Poplar Grove Association
Ms. Marsha Creek
2905 Mosher Street
Baltimore, MD 21216
~~410-326-6798~~ (410) 362-6798

3. Once the DOT Traffic Division receives the formal letter and the completed traffic calming request form, you or the designated community representative will be contacted in order to begin traffic calming study process. **Please be advised that the duration of a traffic calming study is approximately 90 days.**

Safety and mobility are our top priorities of the Baltimore City Department of Transportation. If we can be of further assistance please contact, Mr. Howard James by email at howard.james@baltimorecity.gov or at (443) 984-2176.

Sincerely,

Charles C. Baker, Chief
Traffic Division
CCB/HJ:sld
Enclosure
cc: Mr. Steve Sharkey
Mr. Damonnen Taylor Sr.
Mr. Robert Staten
File: CT20-00129780
Mr. Howard James
Ms. Marsha Creek
Ms. Jennifer Lyell

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South West Line
Police District

CITY OF BALTIMORE
BERNARD C. "JACK" YOUNG, MD

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
STEVE SHARKEY, Acting Director
414 N. Calvert Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

CITY OF BALTIMORE 1797

August 21, 2020

Ms. Rashidah Jones
2900 Presbury Street
Baltimore, MD 21216

Email: rashidahann@gmail.com

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The Community Association listed for your area is:

Citizens For Community Improvement (CCI)
Mrs. Mable Gordon
2915 Cliton Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21216
410-383-2928 Email: mableg3@verizon.net

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Sincerely,

Charles C. Baker, Chief
Traffic Division
CCB/AKS:sld
Enclosure

cc: Mr. Steve Sharkey
Mr. Damonnen Taylor Sr.
Mr. Robert Staten
File: CW20-492618/ID20-00301326
Mr. Andre K. Smith
Mrs. Mable Gordon
Ms. Jennifer Lyell

* Traffic speed device put up on both sides of Presbury Street on 10/5/20 c̄ solar powering device attached. Sign says Watch Speed! Target 90 days for calming study

mailed 9.28.20 to DOT ① Chief Baker ② Andre Smith

Spoke to Mable Gordon on 8/ States she is not su she is my Community Improvement Presi 3/31/21 * 443-835(Sheen

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* Ty contact for per Mable call (410) 396-4810 Council Pickett until November when Mr. Mosby takes over as Counc + Brand Scot M

Started 10/5/20

9/28/20 Sent Copy of request also Post Marked via regular mail arrived 10/

Sent required documents via priority mail to Charles C. Baker, Chief Traffic Division Arrived 10/1/20

9/28/20 Post marked

Goes down to Baker St (443) 278-1948 (SW)

8/31/20 per Mable ✓ with Mr. Hunt to confirm repres

Robert Hunt (410) 908-1769

18 associations under him ✓ with Hunt

what is your title street

What is your community

I am in election District 15
Ward 15
Senate District 40
7th District Council person

Leon Pickett

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Baltimore City Department of Transportation

TRAFFIC DIVISION
414 N. Calvert Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

FORM 2: REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CALMING STUDY

CITIZENS FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT(CCI) – PRESBURY STREET – 2900 BLOCK
CW20 492618/ID20 00301326

INTRODUCTION

The following is a request for a traffic calming study. The request will be processed according to procedures in the *City of Baltimore Traffic Calming Policies and Guidelines.* Please complete both parts "A and B".

A. STREET INFORMATION

Please provide the name(s) of the street(s) on which a study is requested as well as the boundaries of the street segment. (Note: Boundaries may change at DOT's discretion). Requested Street: _____

From: PRESBURY STREET 2900 BLOCK

To: From: POPLAR GROVE ST TO: LONGWOOD ST

* **Describe Problem(s):** EXCESSIVE SPEEDING CAUSING EXTREME SAFETY HAZARDS FOR OUR RESIDENTS; ESPECIALLY OUR CHILDREN AND SENIORS AS WELL AS HANDICAPPED RESIDENTS. Frequent Traffic Accidents causing our street lights and fire hydrants to be frequently replaced, at least once per year.

B. CONTACT PERSON INFORMATION

Each request must provide a contact person who lives on the (or one of the) requested street segments or is a COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION representative. The contact person will receive all relevant correspondence and be responsible for gathering evidence of support when requested.

Name of Representative: RASHIDAH JONES

Community Association: PRESBURY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Address: 2935 PRESBURY STREET

Zip Code: 21216 **Telephone Number:** 678-497-6004

X **I agree to be the contact person for the above request.**

Signature: Rashidah Jones **Date:** 9-20-2020

Evidence of Support attached? (Circle one) (YES) NO

Does the COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION concur with this application? (Circle one) (YES) NO

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Community Petition for Speed Humps
September 19, 2020 / 9/20/2020

DAVID & RASHIDAH JONES	2935 Presbury St	21216	678-497-6004
SARAH MARCUS	2933 Presbury St	21216	404-514-8023
ERIC GOODEN	2901 Presbury St	21216	443-580-2963
LONNIE CLAPLEY	2903 Presbury ST	MD 21216	410-903-5456
Shelly Briggs	2905 Presbury St	21216	929 900 5239
ANTOINE JOHNSAN	2911 PRESBURY	21216	443-629-1980
Venus Jones	2907 Presbury St.	21216	410-493-1331
Josh Ennals	2917 Presbury St	21216	443-991 6272
William BRANDFORD	2921 PRESBURY ST	21216	410 362 6027
Bobby Adams	2927 Presbury ST	21216	410-554-0544
CRYSTAL PORTEE	2929 Presbury Street	21216	845-699-3271
Jacqueline Ozzell	2912 Presbury Street	21216	4103620435
Joseph Mosby	2905 Presbury St.	21216	410-615-3505
Adesina Ayoka	2910 Presbury St	21216	(240)432 4961
Jerrita Bullock	2923 Presbury	[illegible]	(410)945-7530
Joshua Walley	2931 Presbury St	(410)945-5144	
Brittany Major	2931 Prosbury St	(443) 256-6176	
Barbara Ferguson	2931 Prosbury St	(443) 256-6176	
Terry Atkinson	2925 Presbury St	443-202-6313	

[illegible]@gmail.com

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Alliance of Rosemont Community Organizations, Inc • P. O. Box 18606
•Baltimore, MD 21216 • Robert Hunt, President

September 28, 2020

To Whom it may concern:

The Alliance of Rosemont Community Organizations, Inc. wish to express their support of the Pressbury Community Association in requesting traffic calming from Longwood Street to Poplar Grove along Pressbury St.

Sincerely,

Robert Hunt
President
Alliance of Rosemont Community Associations, Inc.

"Strength and growth come only through continuous effort and struggle"

Arunah Avenue Assoc • Ashburton & Presbury Better Assoc • Ash-Co East/Coppin Heights Assoc • Bentalou Improv Assoc • Boyd Booth Concerned Citizens Org • Bridgeview Assoc • Citizens for Comm Improv • Concerned Citizens of Grayson St • Concerned Citizens of Rosemont • Coppin Heights CDC • Easterwood Improv Assoc • Edmonson Comm Organizations • Evergreen Protective Assoc • Franklintown Improv Assoc • Riggs Ave Home Improv Assoc • Greenlawn Assoc • Hilton/North Merchants Assoc • LaBurt Improv Assoc • Lafayette Comm Assoc • Lanvale Street Civic Assoc • Leon Day Foundation • Lower Edmonson Village Assoc • Matthew Henson Assoc • MidTown Edmonson Assoc • MidTown Edmonson Merchants Assoc • Mosher Ridge Assoc • Northwest Comm Action • Pinehurst Protective Assoc • Rosemont Dukeland Tenant Council • Rosemont Homeowners & Tenants Assoc • Rosemont Neighborhood Improv Assoc • Smallwood Street Comm Assoc • St. Edward Church • Walbrook Comm Assoc • West Lafayette Comm Assoc • Westwood Avenue Assoc • Winchester Improvement Assoc •

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September 28, 2020

Dear Chief BAKER,

Thank-you for Acknowledging my request for Speed Humps to be INStalled on the 2900 Block of Presbury Street IN SW Baltimore. Our neighborhood has been plagued with safety hazards due to excessive speeding and many hit and run accidents.

It is unsafe for our children and senior residents to cross the streets. My handicapped neighbor is fearful of opening her car door to exit due to speeding cars going by. We have fears of our car doors being ripped off at times entering and exiting.

Our street lights on Longwood St. + Presbury have frequently had to be replaced due to accidents related to hit and run collisions. The fire hydrants on both ends of our block have been replaced 3-4 times IN less than 4 years, creating additional hazards for our Community Safety.

These losses are also a great expense for our City of Baltimore. Please assist us to improve the safety of Community. We welcome any Suggestions you may have as well. ENclosed are the requested documents.

Sincerely,
Rashidah Jones

Charles C. BAKER, Chief
TRAFFIC DIVISION

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September 28, 2020

Dear Mr. Smith,

Thank-you for your generous offer of assistance with our request for Speed Humps in our neighborhood of 2900 Block of Presbury Street in S.W. Baltimore. I am sending a copy of our request to you also in hopes of expediting the process.

The safety of our residents in our Community is at stake

Sincerely,
Rashidah Jones

To: Andre K. Smith

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Gmail rashidah jones <rashidahann@gmail.com>

2900 Block of Presbury Street Baltimore, MD 21216 speed humps.pdf

9 messages

rashidah jones <rashidahann@gmail.com> Fri, May 7, 2021 at 6:31 PM
To: "kirsten.lewis@baltimorecity.gov" <kirsten.lewis@baltimorecity.gov>

Ms. Lewis,

Please see the attached documents for my request for speed humps to increase safety in our community.

With Great Appreciation,

Rashidah Jones
678-497-6004

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Lewis, Kirsten A. (City Council) <Kirsten.Lewis@baltimorecity.gov> Mon, May 17, 2021 at 9:25 AM
To: rashidah jones <rashidahann@gmail.com>

Good Morning,

I am in receipt of your email. I am coordinating with transportation to follow up on these request. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kirsten.

From: rashidah jones <rashidahann@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 7, 2021 6:31 PM
To: Lewis, Kirsten A. (City Council) <Kirsten.Lewis@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: 2900 Block of Presbury Street Baltimore, MD 21216 speed humps.pdf

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rashidah jones <rashidahann@gmail.com> Mon, May 17, 2021 at 3:59 PM
To: "Lewis, Kirsten A. (City Council)" <Kirsten.Lewis@baltimorecity.gov>

Kirsten, Thank-you for your acknowledgment. I do not have any questions at this time. I look forward to hearing from you.

Rashidah Jones
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rashidah jones <rashidahann@gmail.com> Wed, Jul 21, 2021 at 11:45 PM
To: "Lewis, Kirsten A. (City Council)" <Kirsten.Lewis@baltimorecity.gov>

Hello Kirsten, My cell phone was damaged last week. I left a vm for you with a temporary contact # (404) 696-1174 or (202) 308-1529 preferred cell#. Please hold onto my previous # also because it will eventually be restored. Please give an update on the status of our block speed humps. We appreciate your continued diligence Kirsten, thank- you.

Lewis, Kirsten A. (City Council) <Kirsten.Lewis@baltimorecity.gov> Wed, Jul 28, 2021 at 3:31 PM
To: rashidah jones <rashidahann@gmail.com>

Good Afternoon,

A traffic study was completed for the 290 block of Prestbury Street, however I currently do not have any information on next steps. I am working with transportation to get the results of the traffic study.

From: rashidah jones <rashidahann@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 11:46 PM
To: Lewis, Kirsten A. (City Council) <Kirsten.Lewis@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Re: 2900 Block of Presbury Street Baltimore, MD 21216 speed humps.pdf

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Lewis, Kirsten A. (City Council) <Kirsten.Lewis@baltimorecity.gov> Fri, Jul 30, 2021 at 12:08 PM
To: rashidah jones <rashidahann@gmail.com>

Hello Ms. Jones,

I received an update with the traffic division. Unfortunately it was not much of an update. The process for traffic calming request recently changed and the request you were able to submit through 311 was closed out without any notes. This does not mean nothing was done. I am waiting for more information about the data that was collected. This can take up to 30 days. I will follow up with you in late August with our next steps. Thank you for all of your patience.

Kirsten.

From: rashidah jones <rashidahann@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 11:46 PM
To: Lewis, Kirsten A. (City Council) <Kirsten.Lewis@baltimorecity.gov>
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rashidah jones <rashidahann@gmail.com> Sat, Jul 31, 2021 at 2:00 AM
To: "Lewis, Kirsten A. (City Council)" <Kirsten.Lewis@baltimorecity.gov>

Thank you for the update Kirsten. We of the 2900 Block of Presbury Street are very patient because the decisions being made on our behalf are very important to our future safety. We care about our community and want to feel safe living here.

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Rashidah Jones

Lewis, Kirsten A. (City Council) <Kirsten.Lewis@baltimorecity.gov> Tue, Oct 26, 2021 at 8:40 AM
To: rashidah jones <rashidahann@gmail.com>

Ms. Jones,

Unfortunately, I am not getting any feedback regarding the previous traffic studies nor have I received notification that a new traffic study will be conducted. I have escalated this matter to the Councilman who will follow up with me for the next steps.

Many Thanks,

Kirsten

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rashidah jones <rashidahann@gmail.com> Mon, Nov 8, 2021 at 5:24 AM
To: "Lewis, Kirsten A. (City Council)" <Kirsten.Lewis@baltimorecity.gov>

Kirsten I appreciate the effort you have made toward assisting with the accomplishment of speed humps on the 2900 block of Presbury Street. We remain determined to achieve this goal because the safety of our neighbors depends on it. We do deserve to be safe. Please forward to our Councilman, James Torrence.

Thank-you

Rashidah Jones
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Information From Councilman James Torrence

JAMES
TORRENCE



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Residents of District 7: Please reach out to my office regarding any concerns in your neighborhood. My office is here to help!

Phone: 410-396-4810
Email: District7Staff@baltimorecity.gov
Website: Jamestorrence.com
Mail: 100 Holliday Street, Room 521, 21202

Follow me on social media for latest updates and events in District 7:
Facebook: @JamesTorrence3D
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Instagram: @jamestorrence3d

PLACES TO CALL FOR HELP

General City Services:
- Baltimore One Call Center – 311
- United Way Resource Helpline – 211
- Emergency Assistance – 911
- City Hall Operator – (410) 396-3100
- Animal Control – (410) 396-4829

Employment Information:
- Office of Employment Development – (410) 767-2000
- Youth Works – (410) 545-1870
- Re-Entry Center – (410) 396-7873

Senior Living:
- Baltimore City Aging & CARE – (410) 396-3141
- Federal Benefits Program – (800) 772-1213
- Senior Centers – (410) 396-1337
- Senior Home Repair – (443) 479-8071

Healthcare:
- Mental Health Agency – (410) 837-3750
- Physician Referral Helpline – (800) 492-0925
- Crisis Hotline – (410) 433-5175

Legal Assistance:
- Consumer Protection – (410) 528-8662
- Legal Aid – (410) 951-7777
- Community Law Center – (410) 366-0922
- State's Attorney's Office – (443) 984-6000
- Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service – (410) 539-6800
- Family Law Clinic – (410) 706-1681

Housing:
- Landlord Tenant Issues – (800) 492-0925
- Housing Authority – (410) 396-3232
- Homeless Service – (410) 396-3252
- Homeowners Tax Credit – (410) 767-1184
- Renters Tax Credit – (410) 767-1184
- Rapid Assistance – (410) 396-3232
- Home Weatherization – (443) 984-1066
- Community Mediation – (410) 837-9165

Taxes/Bills:
- Property Tax Bills – (410) 396-3987
- Water Bills – (410) 261-8661
- Baltimore Power Outages – (877) 778-2222

Public Transportation:
- MTA – (410) 539-5000
- Department of Transportation – (410) 396-1183

Benefits:
- Social Security – (800) 772-1213
- Veterans – (800) 827-1000
- Public Assistance Emergency – (443) 423-6500
- Energy Assistance – (410) 767-1184
- Food – (410) 396-3252
- Social Security Disability – (410) 965-1234
- Commission on Disabilities – (443) 984-1808
- LGBT Resource Center – (410) 837-2050

Utilities/Permits:
- Permit Office – (410) 396-3200

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