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Fw: (CONSTITUENTS) Fw: Public Safety Concern in the Fourth District

15 messages

Traore, Jene (City Council) <jene.traore1@baltimorecity.gov>

Sat, Sep 20, 2025 at 11:26 PM

To: Marc Easton <marc.easton@gmail.com>, Cristina Easton <cjacobs916@gmail.com>

Good Evening,

Just wanted to update you from a message the councilman received on Friday. We are continuing to push for change at this intersection - please see below message - it's easier to forward than to summarize.

Thank you - we will make sure to update you as we push the administration to resolve this.

Jene "Janay" Traore*Director of Community Engagement***Office of Councilman Mark Conway**[100 Holliday Street, Suite 551](#)

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From: McNeill, Christian (DOT) <christian.mcneill@baltimorecity.gov>**Sent:** Friday, September 19, 2025 3:20 PM**To:** Conway, Mark (City Council) <Mark.Conway@baltimorecity.gov>; Taylor, Tywana (City Council) <tywana.taylor1@baltimorecity.gov>**Cc:** McBeth, Veronica (DOT) <Veronica.McBeth@baltimorecity.gov>; Fleming, Patrick A. (DOT) <Patrick.Fleming@baltimorecity.gov>; Kenney, Maureen (DOT) <maureen.kenney@baltimorecity.gov>; Desenzani Diaz, Luciano (DOT) <Luciano.Diaz@baltimorecity.gov>**Subject:** Public Safety Concern in the Fourth District

Hello Councilman Conway,

I hope you are doing well. We would like to address your concern regarding a public safety issue in the Fourth District. We have been aware of concerns at this intersection since at least June of 2023. While we have made minor improvements to conditions at this location through landscaping and tree trimming efforts, more work is still needed. We are working to expedite short-term improvements at this location. Our on-call consultant is evaluating potential quick-build treatments, including flex posts, striping, and planters, while operational adjustments such as signal timing and phasing are also under review. In addition, ATVES is further evaluating traffic enforcement at the intersection of Northern Parkway and Bellona to determine opportunities for enhanced safety interventions.

A thorough reconfiguration of this intersection would require a more complex intersection reconstruction capital project, necessitating significant funding. This investment would have to follow our standard prioritization process and would take multiple years of planning, engineering, and State and Federal review—as is typically the case for major capital projects. At this time, we are working on one large-scale resurfacing project along Bellona Ave spanning Northern Parkway to York Rd, with completion expected by Summer 2026. This work will include resurfacing at the intersection of Bellona and Northern Parkway.

Thank you and have a great day.

Best,



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Sun, Sep 21, 2025 at 7:22 AM

I want to email this Christian McNeil and ask what
She means by tree trimming - what trees??????? Ours???? That we call 311 for? Does he even know what intersection
he is talking about????

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Marc Easton <marc.easton@gmail.com>
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Sun, Sep 21, 2025 at 7:30 AM

I saw that early this morning and had to close it. One there is no "significant capital increase" that's too expensive using
public funds or one that saves human life.

Two, it's these band aid approaches hiding behind the guise of a slow, well thought out plan that pisses me off.

I was glad to see enforcement stepped up, but that's usually the first budget item to get kicked.

They'll be here a few weeks, write some tickets and that will be that.

I'll also point out that same school of thought created this intersection in the first place. So I don't think it deserves much
deference.

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Sun, Sep 21, 2025 at 7:39 AM

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Mr. McNeil,
Are you suggesting that we, the residents at this corner, continue to have MTA accessibility vans crash into our yards,
replace our damaged property at our own expense, risk our own lives to be on that corner attempting any of our own
landscaping efforts (more on this below), and risk our children's lives all awhile watching car accidents happen until
summer of 2026 while you pave over some roads?

Has whatever analysis you've done indicated that the surface of the road is causing these accidents?

I work from home and have a small child, so I don't leave the house much and I can tell you the ONLY landscaping I've
EVER seen done since 2016 was when we called 311 to remove fallen trees, when we trimmed things in response to a

ticket the city had the nerve to charge us, one transit employee trimming a bush that has nothing to do with visibility for drivers, and my own efforts during which I am terrified for my life as cars and semi-trucks blow by over the speed limit.

Please provide the timeline of all interventions and records of what has been done. I'd be happy to be proven wrong before having to escalate this to an embarrassing place for your agency.

Of course you would never have written it's too expensive to protect human life to a person living at that corner, would you? Nice.

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I just had to get that out. I can't deal with these people anymore. It's screaming into the wind

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Thu, Sep 25, 2025 at 10:29 AM

To: "Traore, Jene (City Council)" <jene.traore1@baltimorecity.gov>, Mark Conway <Mark.Conway@baltimorecity.gov>

Cc: Marc Easton <marc.easton@gmail.com>

Good morning,

Thank you for keeping us informed. Please forgive my delayed response, but I do want to ask the the following be brought to their attention; I did not respond directly out of respect for your lines of communication, but feel free to forward this back to them or share however is most appropriate. We had another accident at the corner just a few days ago, and a disabled vehicle sat parked just over the hill presenting a significant risk for two days with no attention.

1) "we have made minor improvements to conditions at this location through landscaping and tree trimming efforts" In our living here since 2016, and me working from home with a young special needs child - so I don't get out much and I see basically everything unless I am asleep - I can tell you there has been no such effort. Here are the accounts of "landscaping and tree trimming" I have seen, some of which were pre-2023 and thus unrelated to the issue they say they have been aware of since:

- A MDOT employee asked our permission to trim back a hedge to improve pedestrian visibility (pre 2023)
- We have called 311 to remove fallen trees from the easement next to our property when they block the road or sidewalk. I believe that has been three times since living here, most recently this summer.
- When we first moved in we were ticketed for our hedges and WE trimmed them.
- The week of the three accidents, I attempted to trim our hedges but had to stop because I did not feel safe because of trucks barreling down Bellona and needing to step into the street to do the work.
- Periodically, there will be trucks I can only assume are from the city parked along Northern pkwy by our backyard (so between Bellona and Springlake). They have an arrow to close the lane, but they do no work related to the intersection. In fact, it appears they are dealing with the metal plate and resurfacing at the Northern/Springlake intersection, not Bellona.

2) I will not pretend to have any expertise whatsoever in traffic evaluation. But I will say I imagine it requires human beings actually being on site to either observe or enforce traffic for a period of time. There is a camera at Springlake, but nothing that captures Bellona and Northern - we know this because we have asked when needing to repair our fence from crashes. So without actual people, I am not sure what "evaluation" is happening. The ONLY time I EVER have seen any traffic enforcement or observation has been to respond to accidents. And whatever information they are collecting isn't great, because we haven't been able to get any police reports or insurance information from any official channels outside of our own legwork and approaching drivers ourselves; with the exception of the very first accident in February of 2016 when the responding officer brought the driver to our door to provide insurance information. In fact, at the most serious of the three accidents in one day, the responding officer was extremely hostile to my husband when he indicated he would need a copy of insurance information due to damage to our property.

3) "A thorough reconfiguration of this intersection would require a more complex intersection reconstruction capital project, necessitating significant funding. This investment would have to follow our standard prioritization process and would take multiple years of planning, engineering, and State and Federal review—as is typically the case for major capital projects. At this time, we are working on one large-scale resurfacing project along Bellona Ave spanning Northern Parkway to York Rd, with completion expected by Summer 2026. This work will include resurfacing at the intersection of Bellona and Northern Parkway."

We are very aware of this resurfacing project as last summer we experienced no less than 7 flat tires in three weeks on two vehicles due to punctures while work was being done on Bellona in front of our driveway, and several years ago when the work first started one of the workers pissed in our yard in front of my child playing in the pool - another reason we just

don't let him out there anymore. Unless Mr. McNeil is suggesting that street surface, not traffic patterns, speed, and visibility, are the cause for these accidents, I'm not sure how that is at all relevant. What is relevant?

- One of the three accidents that day left a mother of young children with a punctured lung
- A MDOT disability transport vehicle driver in training was unresponsive for several minutes, while his supervisor was hyperventilating in shock, and only because it was a training drive, no disabled clients were on that van who otherwise would have been severely impacted.
- Residents no longer feel safe accessing community resources because of that corner.
- At least 80% of the homes on this block have children under the age of 10, in addition to those who wait for the RPEMS school bus every morning
- I've lost track of the actual cost in damages to our property, but I can tell you I am paying property tax on land I will not let my child use for fear of vehicles ending up in our yard.

So to suggest that whatever prioritization process and capital investment is necessary to literally add one traffic arrow and maybe a speed camera that would provide revenue to the city is TOO MUCH is beyond insulting to your constituents and truly leaves me doubting the competence of parties involved. But when someone dies, we'll see I guess.

On Sat, Sep 20, 2025 at 11:26 PM Traore, Jene (City Council) <jene.traore1@baltimorecity.gov> wrote:

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Tue, Nov 18, 2025 at 10:13 AM

Good morning,
I wanted to follow up and share that yesterday, I did observe crews repainting the crosswalk at Bellona and Northern. While I have yet to observe any of the speed/traffic control efforts listed in the DOT email, I did want to acknowledge this and ask if there has been any follow up or updates on other items.

Thank you,
Cristina Easton
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Tue, Nov 18, 2025 at 10:18 AM

Good Morning,

Thank you for letting us know. I am looping in DOT to share any updates they may have on the work.

Troy/Eric - could you update us on the work that has started?

Thank you.

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Good morning, Traore

I hope all is well. I am looping in Legislative Affairs Coordinators @McNeill, Christian (DOT) and @Desenzani Diaz, Luciano (DOT) for any updates on this matter.

Regards



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Thank you everyone.

Any updates would be really appreciated.

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Hello, Jene

This concern has been sent to an Engineer also.

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Hello, Jene

Please see the information passed on from the Engineering Division.

*Good afternoon,

Work on the crosswalks has begun at this intersection. The contractor will also be working on the southbound approach of Bellona to upgrade the left-turn lane.

Regards

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AE Hoffman <alexandra.e.hoffman@gmail.com>

Fri, Nov 21, 2025 at 4:39 PM

To: Cristina Easton <cjacobs916@gmail.com>

I saw more striping had gone in at the intersection when I drove through today! Did you ever get a response from Jene?

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Cristina Easton <cjacobs916@gmail.com>

Fri, Nov 21, 2025 at 5:17 PM

To: Alexandra Hoffman <alexandra.e.hoffman@gmail.com>

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