

Subject: Request for Traffic Safety Review – Edison Highway & East Madison Street

Dear Council President Cohen and Ms. Lessley,

I am writing to respectfully bring attention to a roadway safety concern at the intersection of **Edison Highway and East Madison Street** in Baltimore.

Based on personal repeated observations at this intersection, vehicles traveling northbound in the center lane frequently drift into the far-right lane as they pass through the intersection. This movement appears to be caused by missing or unclear lane markings, creating unclear lane guidance and a traffic hazard. As a result, drivers in the right lane are often forced to execute evasive maneuvers to avoid potential collisions.

Photo A_1 and Photo A_2 illustrate the current condition, where lane guidance is not clearly defined. Photo B_1 provides a conceptual mark-up of how improved lane markings could better guide traffic and reduce these conflicts

Below is my assessment based on my experience as a Transportation Management professional in the U.S. Army and a Safety Manager in the private sector.

Safety Assessment:

The Federal Highway Administration's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) identifies the need for clear lane markings.

- Likelihood: Probable (frequent vehicle drift observed)
- Severity: Moderate to Serious (potential for sideswipe or collision incidents and potential for bodily harm)
- How observed: Based on repeated observations (day and night)

Risk Level: Moderate-to-High

This condition presents a preventable safety concern that could impact daily commuters and other roadway users.

To address this issue, I respectfully recommend that the Baltimore City Department of Transportation consider prioritizing the installation or restoration of clear lane markings at this intersection.

Improvements such as **reflective thermoplastic striping and directional lane arrows** would help reinforce proper lane alignment and significantly reduce the likelihood of conflict between vehicles.

I kindly request that this location be reviewed and considered for inclusion in upcoming roadway maintenance or safety improvement planning. I am available to meet with your staff at this location if you choose to assign a site visit.

Thank you for your time and continued commitment to public safety. I appreciate your attention to this matter and your efforts to improve roadway conditions for Baltimore residents including many of my neighbors.

Respectfully Submitted,

Quinyardo McClain

Attachments:

Photo A_1 Current Conditions & Photo A_2 Current Conditions

Photo B_1 Conceptual Mark-Up

Photo A_1 Current Conditions

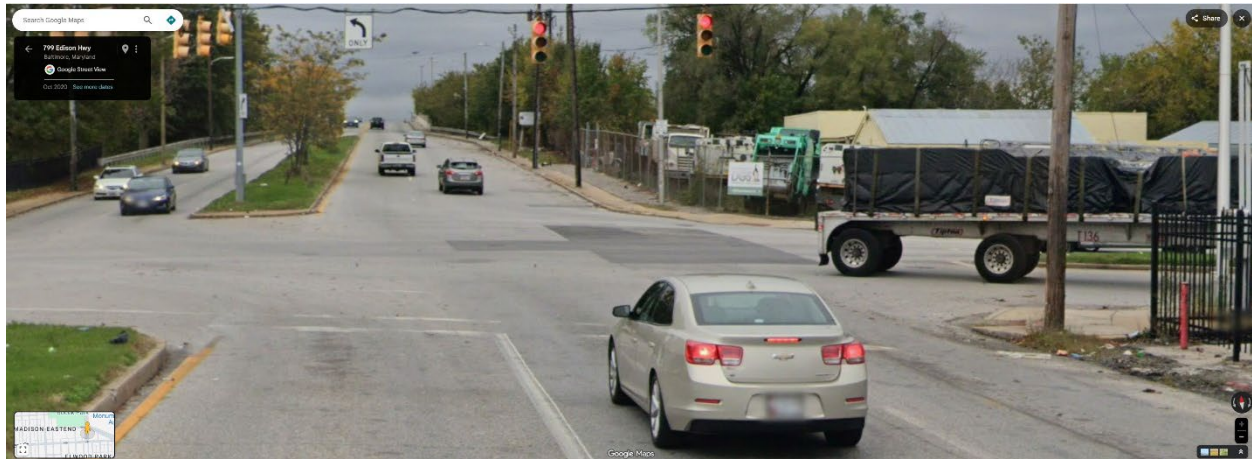


Photo A_2 Current Conditions



Photo B_1 Conceptual Mark-Up

