

Request for Traffic Calming on the Unit Block of E Hamburg Street

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The unit block of E Hamburg Street (the block between S Charles Street and Light Street) has some issues with speeding and through traffic. This block is unique in the neighborhood as it does not allow parking on either side of the street, resulting in a one-way fifteen-foot wide street. As a result of no parked cars and the straight, uninterrupted nature of the street, a “runway effect” is created where drivers accelerate quickly down the street. Combined with the very narrow sidewalks on the block, this creates potential safety issues for pedestrians and those entering and exiting their homes.

The location of this street in the neighborhood also results in a noticeable amount of through traffic. For drivers traveling east on W Hamburg Street into the Federal Hill neighborhood from 295 and Russell Street, the unit block of E Hamburg Street is the closest street to continue travelling down to get to Light Street and areas on the eastern side of the neighborhood. This results in many personal, commercial, and delivery vehicles that use this street to “cut through” instead of using the larger E Henrietta Street and E Montgomery Street to the north, or E West Street and E Ostend Street to the south.

From looking at old Google Maps Streetview imagery, the unit block of E Hamburg Street also used to have a yellow, pedestrian sign halfway down the block where the alley Harden Court intersects the northern half of the street. This sign is no longer present.

I appreciate any looking into this matter and any possible solutions to create a more pleasant and safer street for the community. Thank you.