



# THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

2000 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20009

## REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CALMING STUDY

### INTRODUCTION

The following is a request for a traffic calming study. The request will be processed according to procedures in the District of Columbia Traffic Calming Policies and Guidelines. Please complete both Part A and Part 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 DDOT's discretion).

Requested Street: Watson NW Traffic Problem(s): speeding +  
From: MacArthur  
To: Loughboro via Mand cut-through.

### B. CONTACT PERSON INFORMATION

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

Name of Representative: Rachel Thompson ANC: 3D04  
Address: 5835 Sheeplee Pl NW  
Zip Code: 20016 Phone #: 202/364-1384

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

Signature: Rachel Thompson Date: 6/19/2006

Evidence of support attached?  Yes  No

Does the ANC concur with this application?  Yes  No 6/7/06  
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June 7, 2006

**VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL**

Rachel Thompson  
ANC 3D 04 (Kent/Palisade)  
P.O. Box 40846  
Palisade Station  
Washington D.C. 20016

**Re: Traffic Issues on Watson Street; Impact of Sibley Expansion**

Dear Rachel:

As Kent residents living on Watson Street, we are extremely frustrated by the number of cars that currently use our street to avoid the traffic (and traffic lights) on MacArthur Boulevard and Loughboro Road. With the proposed Sibley Hospital expansion expected to increase traffic on both of these streets, we are very concerned that the number of drivers using Watson Street as a commuter crossroad will rise. For these reasons, we are writing to request that:

- (1) The city prohibit non-local drivers from turning onto Watson Street from both MacArthur Blvd. and Palisade Lane during morning and evening rush hours;
- (2) The city install speed bumps on Watson Street to ensure drivers do not drive too fast up and down our street; and
- (3) The ANC and Department of Transportation consider the impact of the proposed Sibley Hospital expansion on the level of traffic in the Kent neighborhood.

As background, Watson Street runs directly parallel to Loughboro Road and intersects with MacArthur Boulevard (to the west) and both Palisade Lane and Maud Street (to the east). Both Palisade Lane and Maud Street, in turn, intersect with Loughboro Road. Throughout the day – and certainly during the morning and evening rush hours when cars have been seen coming and going every few minutes – drivers take Watson Street from MacArthur Boulevard to gain quicker access both to Loughboro Road/Nebraska Avenue and to Dalecarlia Parkway. They also drive down Watson Street coming from Loughboro Road to obtain quicker access to MacArthur Boulevard. Quicker access is obtained in both directions because commuters can avoid the traffic signals at (1) the entrance to Sibley Hospital on Loughboro Road and (2) the intersection of MacArthur Boulevard and Loughboro Road. Many of these cars are driving much faster than the posted 25mph – and, in our opinion, 25mph is too fast in light of the curved nature of our street, which makes it difficult to see what lies ahead. We believe an audit of the traffic patterns on Watson Street will confirm the above.

This Watson Street “cut through” disrupts the daily life of the families who live on the street. We typically struggle to get into our vehicles while avoiding the cars that drive up and down the road. And our children are constantly in harms way when they play in our front yards. Indeed, we believe it is only a matter of time before a cut-through commuter car either hits a

parked car or an individual as it races up or down our narrow street. Prohibiting traffic during certain peak hours of the day and installing speed bumps will help deter commuters from using the street as a commuter crossroad and ensure that cut-through commuters drive at a reasonable speed. We also believe police patrol and monitoring of Watson Street traffic should be increased so action can be taken against those drivers who, despite these measures, continue to cut through and drive too fast.

The proposed Sibley hospital expansion, which by all accounts will increase the traffic on both MacArthur Boulevard and Loughboro Road, could substantially increase the number of cars using Watson Street as a commuter crossroad. And it may have a similar impact on other streets in the Kent neighborhood. For this reason, we also urge the ANC and Department of Transportation to analyze the impact of the Sibley expansion on neighborhood traffic, particularly as it pertains to cut-through traffic.

We appreciate your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

The following residents of Watson Street:

Name

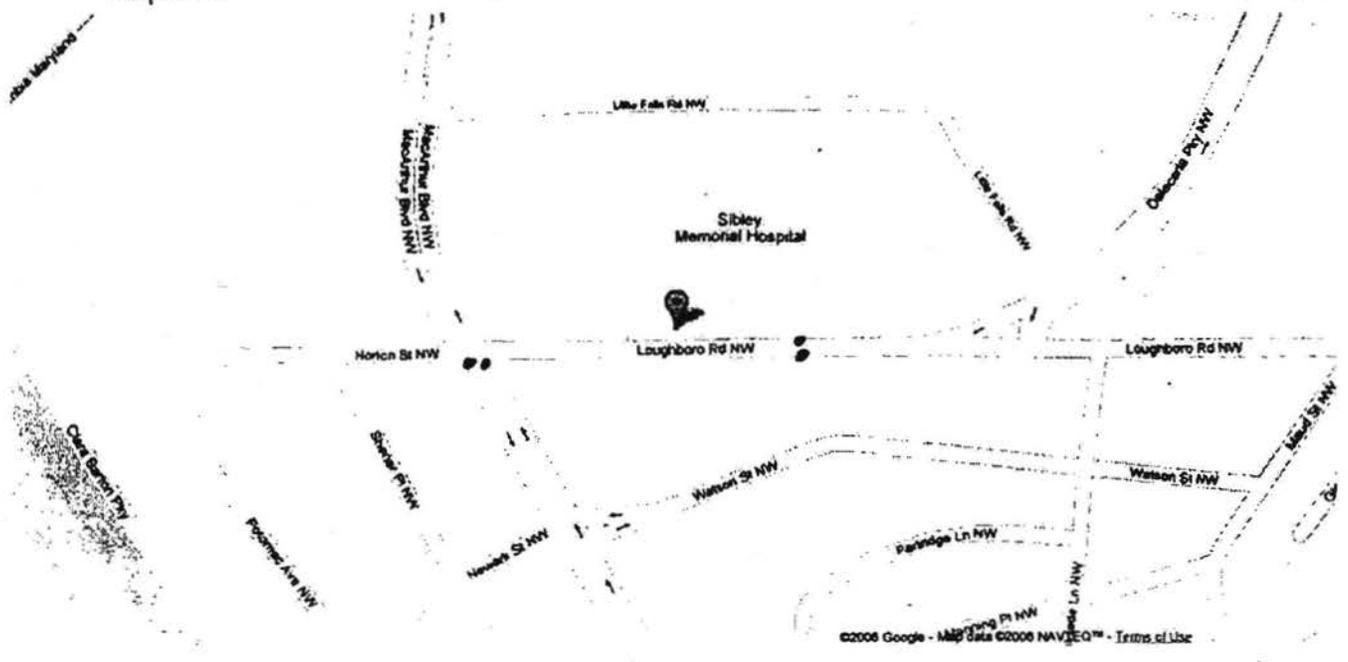
Street Address

Eri Egan / Borzo Biabani	5181 Watson Street
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Salah Brakini & Family	5197 Watson Street, NW
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