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Ms. Vanessa Dale Burns
Director
Department of Public Works
2000 14th Street, 6th Floor
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Ms.Burns:

Our neighbors are voicing serious concerns about increased traffic on their streets, especially on the residential streets within the area bounded on the north by Garfield Street, on the east by Foxhall Road, on the south by U Street, and on the west by MacArthur Boulevard. The core of the problem is 49th Street, between Garfield and V Streets, NW. A detailed description of 49th Street and a map supporting the plan are attached.

It is increasingly hazardous to walk along 49th Street to gain access to Battery Kemble Park, a major community recreational area, or for any other endeavor. It has become difficult for neighbors to exit their driveways due to the increased volume and velocity of traffic. The safety of children, whether on their way to neighborhood schools or play, is at great risk. Polly Greenberg, an Ashby Street resident, was struck and seriously injured by a passing car and has never fully recovered.

These problems were brought to the attention of the previous administration, but the 15 mph signs placed on 49th Street are generally ignored. It is not uncommon for cars and sport utility vehicles to exceed 40 mph on this narrow winding road which has no sidewalks and no lane markers. Requests for police monitoring and ticketing of speeders has failed to solve the problem. The situation will only intensify once the construction begins on the Mt. Vernon Campus of George Washington University, St. Patrick's School, the Field School and Georgetown University/Canal Road entry, as drivers attempt to escape the traffic congestion along Foxhall Road.

We request The Department of Public Works create and work with the Police Department to enforce a traffic mitigation plan for 49th Street and its access streets that is acceptable to the community including the following:

BZA
Case No. 16559
Exhibit No. 419

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO.16559
EXHIBIT NO.419

1. "No Thru Traffic between the hours of 7:30 - 9:30am" signs off of Foxhall Road (west) be placed on the following streets: Garfield, Fulton, Dexter and W.

2. A "No Left Turn between the hours of 7:30 - 9:30am" sign be placed at the east facing intersection of W Street and Foxhall Road.

3. A four-way stop be placed at the intersection of 49th and W Streets.

4. No traffic light be placed at the intersection of W Street and Foxhall Road in keeping with the Agreement signed by the Mayor, The Neighborhood Alliance and the Mt. Vernon Campus of George Washington University.

5. "No Thru Traffic between the hours of 4:00 - 6:30pm" signs be placed on Ashby and W Streets at the intersection with 49th Street and on 49th Street at the intersection with Ashby and W Streets.

6. "Stop" signs be placed along 49th Street at the following intersections: Fulton Street, Dexter Street, Battery Kemble Place, Calvert Street, and Ashby Street.

7. Consider additional measures, including speed bumps on 49th Street between Garfield and W Streets.

We are available to meet with you as soon as possible to discuss this plan.

Sincerely,

Nancy W. Stone MD

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Harry Gates, 4911 Ashby Street, NW, Washington, DC 20007

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Lt. Angela Cousins, 2nd Police District
Charlene Graves, U.S. Attorney's Office
Sgt. Raymond Danieli
Sherry Pruitt, BZA

Attachments

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48TH STREET

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Sean P. Shaughnessy	2234 48th St NW
[illegible]	2241 48th St. N.W.
[illegible]	454 W 11 St NW
[illegible]	2237 48th St. NW
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Margaret Richard	2222 48th St. N.W.
Marsha Rothenberg	2226 48th St. NW
Robert Hyde	

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49th STREET, NW

Name	Address
Howard Carr	2405 49 Street N.W. Washington D.C. 20007
Mr Mrs John Buggs	2501 49 St NW Washington D.C 20007
Ann & Travis Brown	4548 - Dexter St DC 20007.
John Pittman	2355 49th St. NW. Wash DC 20007
Jeremy Metz	4815 Calvert St. NW
Michael Greeson	2343 49th Street, NW. WDC 20007
Dawn Mosshart	2367 49 St NW, Wash. D.C.
Nancy Beckelhimer	2367 49 St. N.W.

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49th STREET, NW

Name	Address
Linden von Eichel	2227 49th St. N.W. 20007
Larry Swanson	2205 49TH ST., NW. 20007
Chris and Meredith Hughes	2211 49TH Street, NW 20007
Alan C Falle	2715 49th ST NW 20007
Brian Logan	2235 49th St NW 20007
[illegible]	4901 Ashby St. NW 20007
Linda R. Ormerod	4901 Ashby St., NW 20007
John T. [illegible]	2230 49th St NW 20007
[illegible]	2210 49th St. N.W.
[illegible]	2248 49th NW 20007
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49th STREET, NW

Name	Address
Ms. Vanessa Dale Burns	
Nancy B. Stone	2347 49th
Jon E. Stone	2347 49th
Kevin B. Stone	2347 49th
Jeanne Romilly	2246 49TH
George Romilly	2246 49th
Christopher Romilly	2246 49th
Chapin Cimbala	2242 49th
Kenneth Byrd	2335 49th
Mark Glenn	2335 49th ST NW
Kimy Yoshii	2339 49 ST. NW
Rodwell Evets	2351 49th St. N.W.
Florence Evets	2351 49th St NW
Carmen Harteveld	2361 49th St NW
Leo Harteveld	2361 49th St NW
Janice O'Connor	4830 HUBERT ST. N.W.

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GARFIELD STREET, NW

Name	Address
Karen Mannix	2901 49th Street, NW
Jane E.O. Appleman	4655 Garfield St N.W.
Jerry L. Appleman	4611 Garfield St NW
Mary Jo Pettitt	4661 Garfield St NW
Virginia Chews	4664 Garfield St NW
Mary A Peter Chew Jen Reed	4650 Garfield St NW,
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Robert J. Murphy	4636 Garfield St NW
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Sheila S. Griffin	4664 Garfield St NW
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	4645 Garfield St. NW

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49th STREET, NW

Name	Address
Emory C. Smith	2118 49th St., N.W.
Mary Jane Smith	" " " "
Helen L. Jorden	2115 49th St., NW
Bud Hallman	" " " "
Pilar O'Leary	2334 49th St., N.W.
Will Roy	" " " "
Scott Fan	2245 49th St N.W.
Anne Delaune	2236 49th St. N.W.
Mary Clendaniel	2236 49th St NW
Gail Knapp	2323 49th St.
Jean Smith	2325 49th NW
Michelle Davis	2327 49th Street, N.W.
Lorraine C. Hack	2232 49th St. N.W.
Adam Emanuel	2219 49th ST NW
Barr Berman	2343 49th ST NW
J. Brett Blessing	2351 49th St., N.W.
Lester A Johnson	2301 49 St NW

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DEXTER STREET, NW

Name	Address
Frank Economides	4825 Dexter Terr. NW
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Franciscos Economides	4825 Dexter Terr. NW.
Monica Schott	4816 Dexter Terr. NW
Stephen Schott	4816 Dexter Terr. NW
Kathie L Dematatis	4750 Dexter St. N.W. DC 20007
Sadaa B. Fraser	4801 Dexter Terr. NW DC 2000
Jane de Lott	4610 Dexter St NW 20007
Richard W. Roedkeler	4831 Dexter St. NW 20007
Judith Marriott	4840 Dexter St. NW.
Richard W. Foltz	4774 Dexter St., NW
Hala El-Mohandes	4773 Dexter St. NW.
Stanley [illegible]	[illegible] Dexter Terr NW
Susan Hoge	4824 Dexter Terr. NW

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FULTON STREET, NW AND GARFIELD ST NW

Name	Address
SUSAN R. DENNISTON	2800 FOXHALL RD NW. (Corner of Foxhall & Fulton)
Barbara Mayer	2834 Foxhall Rd NW.
M Eckel	1616 GARFIELD ST NW

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ASHBY STREET, NW

Name	Address
Nora E. Carbine Nora E. Carbine	4915 Ashby St. NW
Sharon Houy Sharon Houy	4922 Ashby St. NW
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Howard E. Fenton Howard E. Dillon	4915 ASHBY ST, NW
Tom Carroll Diane Harrold 4900 ASHBY ST NW WASH D.C 20007	4918 Ashby St N.W
Rafael Garcia	
Nenita L. Hermosa Carla M. Gallo Mary F. Gallo Kathleen M Lenehan	4911 Ashby St. N.W. 4911 Asher ST. N.W. 4923 Ashby St.
Gerald M DeMuth	4923 Ashby St
Polly Greenberg	4919 Ashby St. NW 4914 Ashby St, NW
Charles Gray	4922 Ashby St. NW.

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W STREET, NW

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CARL J. ERTS	4748 W St. N.W
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Brian R. Cross	4800 W St. NW.
Martha Bartlett	4615 W St
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[illegible]	4606 W St.
Tom McMahon	4736 W. St NW
Tom Bradley	4742 W. St. N.W.
Anne Bradley	4742 W St. NW
[illegible]	4541 WW St NW

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W STREET, NW

Name	Address
Joni Ramsay	4908, W. St. N.W.
Maureen Warren Pelham	4901 W Street, N.W.
Jerry Abernathy	4907 W Street, N.W.
Ann Gibbons	4905 W St. N.W.
Janice De Paul	4912 W St NW
Margarita E Paul	4912 W Street N.W.
Elsie Dik Glass	4916 W Street N.W.
Cora Robinson	~~4915~~ 4915 W St., N.W.
Zelenko Robinson	WASH., D.C. 20007
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	4901 W ST NW
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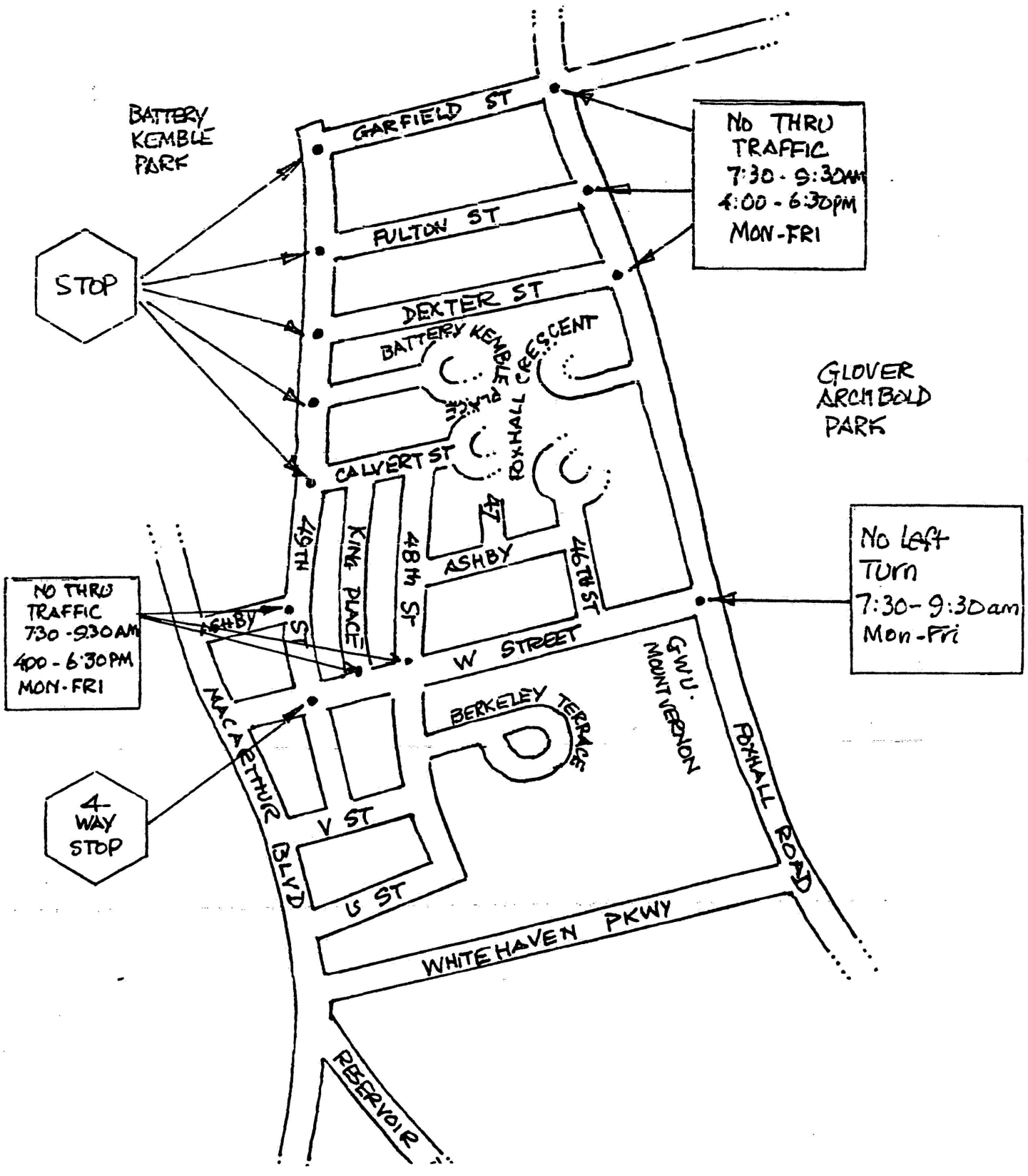
	Name	Address
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6	Ellen S. Overton	4820 W St NW DC 20007
7	Mary L McCarthy	4812 W. St N.W. Wash DC. 20007 DC 20007
8	Sally W Faelon	4801 W St NW Washington DC 20007
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10	Lynn R. Howard	4834 W St. NW Washington, DC 20007
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Description of 49th Street, NW

Specifically the area bounded by Garfield Street on the north and V Street on the south. This six block section of 49th Street is a narrow, winding residential street curving alongside Battery Kemble Park. There are houses on the west side of the street for three-quarters of the six blocks. Once past the park boundary, houses border both sides of the street. There is on-street parking available on both sides of the street for the entire six block stretch. There are no lane markers and no sidewalks.

Proceeding south along 49th Street from Garfield Street, Battery Kemble Park is on the east and for one block Glover Archibald Park is on the west. The street gently winds then slopes downhill and makes a shallow S curve between the intersections with Dexter and Calvert Streets, but the visibility remains fairly good. The street then makes a sharp curve to the left just past Calvert Street. When rounding this curve, the park ends on the east. Suddenly, cars are parked on both sides of the street, reducing its width to almost one lane as well as its visibility. Further along, at the intersection with W Street there is a two-way stop sign on 49th Street. As other intersections in the neighborhood are four-way stops, this intersection often poses confusion to drivers once they have stopped on 49th Street as traffic remains through on W Street. Numerous accidents have occurred at this location. One residential block remains on 49th Street between W Street and V Street which is the site of the Palisades Library. If the travel process were reversed, traveling north along 49th Street from V Street to Garfield Street, visibility is severely curtailed until after the intersection with Calvert Street due to on-street parking and the curvature of the terrain. Once past this intersection 49th Street is a wide-open stretch through to Garfield Street and invites excessive speed.

Curve Warning signs and advisory 15 mph signs have been intermittently posted at key locations along both sides of 49th Street. Drivers continue to disregard these signs as cars traveling well in excess of 25 mph are the norm. Speed becomes a special concern during the hours of 7:30 - 9:30 am and 4:30 - 7:00 pm. Drivers have discovered that by exiting Foxhall Road onto Garfield Street heading west, turning south onto 49th Street and then west onto Ashby Street, there is easy access to MacArthur Boulevard, Key Bridge, Chain Bridge, and Bethesda. This traffic pattern is reversed in the evening when drivers return home via the same route.


BATTERY KEMBLE PARK
GARFIELD ST
FULTON ST
DEXTER ST
BATTERY KEMBLE PLACE
BATTERY KEMBLE CRESCENT
FOXHALL CRESCENT
CALVERT ST
47
ASHBY
W STREET
V ST
U ST
WHITEHAVEN PKWY
RESERVOIR
MACARTHUR BLVD
FOXHALL ROAD
BERKELEY TERRACE
GWU MOUNT VERNON
GLOVER ARCHBOLD PARK
STOP
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4-WAY STOP