
Response to Safety Committee email

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I appreciate everyone's concern about traffic safety in Bayside and the desire to find effective solutions.

That said, I am uncomfortable with the idea of conducting "experiments" by installing stop signs or speed bumps without first understanding the underlying traffic patterns. Decisions that affect public safety should be guided by objective data rather than trial and error.

I believe the appropriate first step is to commission a professional traffic study. Such a study would provide information on vehicle speeds, traffic volume, sight lines, pedestrian activity, and other relevant factors, allowing any recommendations to be based on evidence.

I do not support installing any stop signs, speed bumps, or other traffic-control measures before a traffic study has been completed and its findings have been reviewed. I believe any changes should be based on data and expert analysis, not implemented first and evaluated later.

I'd also like to know whether the town has a traffic safety policy or process that outlines how these decisions are typically made. My understanding is that a traffic study is generally the first step before considering measures such as stop signs or speed bumps.

In addition, I would like to know who, specifically, from the Department of Transportation has been consulted on this matter. Is there a traffic engineer or other qualified DOT professional who has recommended experimenting with stop signs or speed bumps before conducting a traffic study? If so, I would appreciate knowing who that expert is and the basis for that recommendation.

Our shared goal is to improve safety, and I believe the best way to achieve that is by following a thoughtful, data-driven process from the outset.

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