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July 29, 2004

Mayor Foy and Town Council 306 N. Columbia St. Chapel Hill, N. C. 27516

Re: Request for Study of Traffic Speed On North Lakeshore Drive

Dear Mayor Foy and Town Council Members,

On behalf of the following residents of North Lakeshore Drive and of the Lake Forest neighborhood, I write to request that the Town of Chapel Hill conduct a study of speeding on North Lakeshore Drive.

Attached is a list of 20 individuals who support this request.

The speed of traffic on this street is of growing concern, particularly since the road was resurfaced. We wish to establish a baseline of data to substantiate the extent and seriousness of this problem.

Should our perceptions be confirmed through the requested study, we will approach the Town Council about traffic calming measures.

A group of concerned neighbors will be happy to work with the Town Traffic Engineer on the plan and execution of the study.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Yours Sincerely,
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Robert M. Hollister

CC: Mr. Komar Nepalli

The following residents of North Lakeshore Drive and surrounding streets have requested that this study be undertaken. Please see attached emails and signature forms.

N Lakeshore Dr Robert Hollister Lakeshore Lane Ed Neely Don Brewer Lakeshore Lane George Gamble Woodhaven Rd Shadylawn Rd Rob DeLong Sally Stearns Shadylawn Rd N Lakeshore Dr. Alice Lamson Shadylawn Rd Elizabeth Federman Shadylawn Rd Suzanne Kjemtrup-Lovelace N Lakeshore Dr Patrick Oglesby Ridgecrest Dr Allyson Porter S Lakeshore Dr Richard Gugelman Henry Grabowski Cedar Falls Rd Nancy Lamson N Lakeshore Dr Charles Sheaffer Shadylawn Rd David and LouAnn Brower Shadylawn Rd Shadylawn Rd Rae Hershy William Lovelace Shadylawn Rd

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, SUPPORT THE REQUEST TO THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL TO HAVE THE TOWN'S TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT CONDUCT A STUDY OF SPEEDING ON NORTH LAKESHORE DRIVE.

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William Lovelage	608 Shedy Lawn Rd. 27574	932-9041	
Susanne Kjemtrup-Lovela	ce Chapel Hill NC 27514	425-3047	
DAVID + COUADU BR	own Chaper Hice, 275H	967.4498	
Rae Hershey	607 Shody Lawn	967,766	<u> </u>
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Speed humps bump up safety

BY JENNIFER C. KERR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON - Some people find them annoying, but those speed humps that force motorists to slow down in residential neighborhoods and near schools can significantly cut the risk of injury or death to children, a study says.

The review found that children who live on streets near a speed hump were as much as 60 percent less likely to be hit and injured by an automobile as youngsters in areas without them.

The study, released Tuesday, is published in the April issue of the American Journal of Public Health. It looked at children younger than 15 who were struck on residential streets and taken to the emergency room at Children's Hospital Oakland in California over five years.

"One of the reasons this research is important is that a lot of times there are things that seem intuitive," said June Tester, a pediatric resident at the hospital and the study's lead author. It makes sense that speed humps would slow down motorists and reduce the risk of injury to children, but it is not something that has been demonstrated or proved, she said.

Motor vehicle-related incidents are the leading cause of death for children ages 1 to 15, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The study said Oakland had the highest rate of pedestrian deaths among California cities in 1995. That year the city began a safety campaign after a pickup truck plowed into the playground of a preschool, killing a 2-year-old and injuring 10 other children.

The effort resulted in about 1,600 speed humps being installed on residential streets by 2000. Tom Van Demark, the head of the Oakland Pedestrian Safety Project, said there has been a 15 percent decrease in child pedestrian deaths and injuries in the past few years.