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Kumar Neppalli
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Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Dear Mr. Neppalli:

The Meadowmont Community Association Board of Directors support our recent discussions and request the installation of one (1) non-imprinted traffic calming device on East Barbee Chapel Road to assist in addressing a serious safety issue of speeding where elder and newer residents travel.

The location we suggest is on East Barbee Chapel Road just at the curve of the street heading towards Meadowmont Lane, where two residential pathways come out from both The Cedars and the Apartments @ Meadowmont to meet East Barbee Chapel Road.

The safety issue is that of the noted speed above the posted 25 MPH and noted volume of the traffic flow on East Barbee Chapel Road along the Cottages of the Cedars and the Apartments @ Meadowmont. Currently there is only a speed limit sign and nothing else as related to ensuring safety for the residents of Meadowmont. Earlier in 2009 the Chapel Hill Police conducted, at our request, two week traffic enforcement on East Barbee Chapel Road and reported they issued about 40 moving violations with an average speed noted as 46 MPH in a posted 25 MPH zone. The majority of this same traffic does travel past this intersection daily as they come or go from their work sites or homes inside Meadowmont.

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Kumar, in our recent discussion I noted we have again made a written request to the Chapel Hill Police to begin another round of speed enforcement on East Barbee Chapel Road between RT 54 and Meadowmont Lane.

In summary, it is our belief the designed use of East Barbee Chapel Road has been successful in diverting traffic off RT 54 to sites within Meadowmont. However, it also has created an unchecked and dangerous flow of cars that daily exceed the posted speed limit and thus pose a significant safety concern.

On behalf of the Meadowmont Community Association Board of Directors I am authorized to indicate that we would pay for the installation of one (1) non-imprinted traffic calming device and the required street signage at this requested site.

On behalf of the pedestrians, the board, and the community of Meadowmont thank you for your consideration and support of this request.

Sincerely,

Bill Ferrell, Manager

cc: MCA/streets/traffic file