

North Road Traffic Calming Comment Card

March 22, 2017

A suggestion mentioned to
paint road to make North Road,
narrower. Leaving striping
for a bike lane & off street
parking.

Can we continue striping
all the way around to Arkansas
to keep the speed down in that
area as well.

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Flashing lights
posting speed limits

Paint -

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"Decoy" police car substituted
occasionally with real police car

lovejoy - chris@comcast.net

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Speed limit signs with
"unusual" speeds - 17mph
or 9mph not 20 or 10

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Suggestion to slow
traffic in front of
Mountain School

4 - traffic median strips
each about 2 feet
wide & 40-50 feet long

Locations - near urban quaca
just N & S of Mtn School -

Martinez, Darby

From: Maes, Lenora
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 8:33 AM
To: Martinez, Darby
Cc: Erickson, Daniel
Subject: FW: Public Input on Traffic

Good morning,

FYI, see email below from the LACPW Inbox.

Thank you,

Lenora M. Maes

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From: Anna Matsekh [mailto:matsekh@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 2:07 PM
To: Jennifer Guy <j.guy@laschools.net>; LACPW <lacpw@lacnm.us>
Cc: Scott Pakin <scott@pakin.org>
Subject: Re: Public Input on Traffic

Dear Jennifer & Daniel,

I am a parent of a Mountain first-grader and I am convinced that there should be a four-way-stop sign at the intersection of North Road and Urban. Unfortunately neither I or my husband can attend the meeting and we would like to take this opportunity to express our concerns.

I take North Road to go to / from school and regardless of the time of the day there are always drivers on Urban going well above speed limit. There are also two drive-ways on Urban right next to the intersection and a lot of cars just suddenly appear in the intersection often coming from these two driveways at very high speeds. This is also a major concern when Mountain kids walk across Urban.

I will be grateful if my suggestion of installing a four-way-stop sign at the intersection of North Road and Urban gets full consideration,

Sincerely,
--Anna Matsekh

On Thu, Mar 16, 2017 at 6:33 PM, Jennifer Guy <j.guy@laschools.net> wrote:

Los Alamos County will be hosting a public input meeting to discuss "Traffic Calming on North Road". Many of our Mountain parents have expressed concerns about the traffic, congestion, and speed of traffic on North

Road especially in front of the school. At community request, the county has been looking into the issue. I strongly encourage Mountain parents and area residents to attend the public meeting to provide input on this important issue. Please share the attached flyer with area residents who may be interested in the topic.

Public Meeting Traffic Calming on North Road - March 22, 2017.pdf

When and Where:

March 22, 2017
Fuller Lodge
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Agenda:

Introductions
Presentation of Proposed Plan
Questions & Public Comment

For questions about the public meeting call

Daniel Erickson @
505-662-8113

Or email the public works department :
lapw@lacnm.us

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Erickson, Daniel

From: Kyle Zimmerman <kyzimm47@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 26, 2017 2:15 PM
To: Erickson, Daniel
Cc: LACPW
Subject: Comments on North Road Traffic Calming

Dan,

It was good to see you and the crew at the public meeting on March 22, 2017. I have the following comments on the proposal for traffic calming on North Road near Mountain School:

1. The Mountain School crossing on North Road is in the sag of vertical curve on North Road. When heading NB at 25 mph at the top of the curve and idling down the hill in my automatic transmission truck, I am going 25 mph at the crossing. When heading SB at 25 mph at the top of the curve and idling down the hill in the same truck, I am going 35 mph at the crossing. When I do this with my Trail Blazer, I get the same results NB, but SB I am going closer to 40 mph at the crossing. Challenge will be to give motorists a reason to put their foot on the break when going down the hill at non-peak times.
2. North Road along Mountain School is a wide road and relatively straight. Drivers do not feel that it is unsafe going faster than the posted speed limit at uncongested times. At time when the road is congested with School traffic, speeds on North Road are slow.
3. I do not believe the proposed of curb bump outs on North Road at the crossing and spaced up the hills both north and south of the school will slow the traffic during non-peak times. The bump outs work well on Central Ave because there is enough two way traffic to make drivers feel pinched and causing them to drive near the speed limit of 25 mph. Without the two way traffic, drivers will drive down the center of the bump out, will not feel pinched and will not slow down.
4. The proposed bump outs will also cause issues with the turning of school buses at Mountain School.
5. The petition proposed speed humps. Speed humps were installed on Villa Street during the Traffic Calming experiments. This was why the Neighbor Hood Traffic Calming Process was presented to and approved by Council. This speed humps on Villa Street resulted in traffic diverting to 35th Street and using that un-signalized intersection to enter Diamond Drive. It is much safer for traffic to use the signal at 38th and Diamond. After many complaints from the residents the speed humps were removed.
6. After all of the traffic calming methods tried on Villa Street, the one that worked was painting shoulders and reducing the traffic lanes to 9 feet. This made the road feel narrow and slowed traffic down. I would suggest the County look at this option, before installing horizontal or vertical deflections.
7. Another option using striping might also be to extend the parking lane and bike lane next to Urban Park to the north ending at the north property line of Mountain School. This would restrict the traffic lines, push the SB lane next to the curb so drivers will feel more restricted, provide parking next to the school for parent drop-offs, and provide a bike lane for NB bicyclists. The Con of this option is SB traffic will be next to the sidewalk and students.

Principal Guy has asked be to meet with her and walk the area. I have sent her an email with times I am available of the week of April 2nd. I will let you know if we come up with anything different.

Good Luck,

Kyle Zimmerman
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Erickson, Daniel

From: Keith Rosenbaum <k.rosenbaum@laschools.net>
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 2:12 PM
To: Erickson, Daniel
Subject: Northern Road Traffic Calming

Dan,
LAPS Transportation would not be in favor of narrowing the lanes by extending the curb out next to the bus lane. The bus already uses more than one traffic lane to leave the school bus parking area. We would be in favor of using more signage, paint, and speed monitors to slow traffic.
Thanks,

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Keith A. Rosenbaum

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