



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Hall and City Councilmembers

FROM: Jessica Simulcik Smith, City Clerk

DATE: January 9, 2018

RE: Documents received at 1/08/18 Council Meeting

CC: Debbie Tarry, City Manager
John Norris, Assistant City Manager

Attached hereto are documents received from the public at your January 8, 2018 City Council Meeting.

- 1) Comment regarding Richmond Beach Road Rechannelization, submitted by Margaret Willson.
- 2) Comment regarding Richmond Beach Road Rechannelization, submitted by Domenick Dellino.

Comments on Richmond Beach Road Rechannalization
January 8th, 2018
Margaret Willson

We definitely have a speeding and reckless driving problem on Richmond Beach Road.

The solution is to enforce the law.

Speeding tickets would go a long way toward paying the salary of a police officer dedicated full-time to traffic enforcement.

Instead, the City is going to punish everybody for the lawbreaking of a few, by instituting a road diet, which will inhibit illegal behavior only when the road is crowded.

It will do nothing to slow down speeders when traffic is light.

In addition, it will likely increase driver frustration, and lead to road rage. The rages of the road ragers will probably even use the center turn lane to pass, possibly making the road even more dangerous.

We see this "punish everybody" attitude more and more these days -

- speed bumps which ruin suspensions and undercarriages
- traffic islands which slow everybody to 10 mph in 25 zones
- 'twenty is plenty' zones, which slow law-abiding people down to 20, when everybody knows that the problem is the people who zoom at 40, not the law-abiding people going 25
- dog bans in parks because of the scofflaws who refuse to obey leash laws
- and, of course, road diets

I would really like the City to enforce the law rather than implement the road diet.

However, I think you've made up your minds, despite citizen outcry.

So, I propose that you follow the example of other cities, and make the road diet a PILOT PROJECT, to be re-evaluated after 6 months or 1 year.

Perhaps it will be as wonderful as the bike lobby tells us it will be.

Or perhaps it will be the exhaust-spewing, road-rage-inspiring, neighborhood-detour-creating nightmare that many of us expect.

At least if it's a pilot project we'll have a chance to reverse it.

Statement in FAVOR of the Rechannelization

Domenick J. Dellino
January 8, 2018

First, I want to thank all my fellow neighbors for their comments both for and against the rechannelization. I believe it's really discussion like this that evolves **all** of our thinking. So, thank you.

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I have just one quick, but serious question for **all** of us to consider regardless of how we feel about this issue.

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What would it be like if ...your daughter, your spouse, or your grandchild was hit—*maybe even killed*—while walking across the street, riding a bike, or turning left into a driveway because we DIDN'T adopt these measures...**these measures** that have been shown to be an overwhelming step in the direction of safety ...and just because we wanted to save 43 seconds during our morning commute?

How would that make us feel? ...even if it ***wasn't*** someone we knew??

Whether for or against, I believe we all fundamentally want the same thing—*a better quality of life in our community*. And surely with quality of life issues, there's always going to be tough choices and compromises but it's how we **prioritize** those alternatives that makes the real difference.

What would it be like if we **prioritized everyone's safety all day long** above how quickly we can race to work during the peak morning rush hour traffic?