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Dear Granger Avenue Residents,

The City of Ann Arbor has received requests from residents along Granger Avenue, from Packard to State, for traffic calming measures to combat perceived speeding issues. Unfortunately, after reviewing the location, it was determined that Granger Avenue does not qualify for the City's Traffic Calming program.

However, City staff take these concerns seriously and we are exploring alternative calming efforts involving on-street parking on Granger Avenue. Parking placement, if done properly, may reduce speeds by visually narrowing the road, thus causing drivers to operate at lower speeds.

We would like to know what you think about using on-street parking as a calming measure. Please fill out the enclosed postage-paid comment card and return it to the City by August 25, 2017. If you would rather email us your preferences please do so at engineering@a2gov.org with "Granger Ave Parking" in the subject line and your name and address in the body. Please choose one of the following:

1. Do nothing; Speeds are not a concern on Granger Avenue.
2. Staggered parking on alternating sides of Granger Avenue, block by block (see diagram on back).

Responses will be tallied and shared with the Public Services Area Administrator for further investigation.

We appreciate your time and attention in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Cynthia Redinger, P.E.,
City of Ann Arbor Traffic Engineer

Option 2:

— Locations of proposed on-street parking



GRANGER STREET PARKING PREFERENCE

Please complete and return this card to the City of Ann Arbor by **August 25, 2017**

Select the option below which closely represents your preference towards on-street parking regulations on Granger Avenue between Packard Street and State Street (check only ONE):

Do nothing; Speeds are not a concern on Granger Avenue.

Staggered parking on alternating sides of Granger Avenue, block by block.

Comments:

This card must be postmarked by **August 25, 2017**

Response will be invalid if more than one preference is marked; also invalid if more than one response is recieved per household.

Granger Avenue Street Parking Preference Survey Card Data

Date Letter and Postcard sent:	July 27, 2017
Deadline to return Survey Cards:	August 25, 2017
Number of Survey Cards mailed:	85
Number of Survey Cards received back:	20
Returned to Sender / Unable to deliver:	6

Tally of responses received

For Staggered parking – 12

Do Nothing – 6

Did not check either box but sent card with comments – 2

Comments received on returned survey cards:

1. Way too much speeding on our street. Maybe signs to slow for children and pet's would also help?
2. Staggered parking would be great! Also, please consider in addition a 3-way stop at Granger and Golden. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!
3. I have not noticed much speeding but I do get annoyed by the traffic.
4. Please also consider speed humps and enhanced speed enforcement on Granger Ave.
5. Consider parking on both sides of the street and stop signs at Golden and Park.
6. The best option would be to ask the state to classify this street for what it is – a residential local street! The other side of Granger sure seems to enjoy that benefit – despite basically the same characteristics.
7. I believe speeding is a major concern on Granger, especially as the mother of a toddler. I wish measures, such as stop signs could be employed. My concern for staggered parking is enforcement on game days.
8. There is a significant speeding problem on granger. Staggered parking should help significantly.
9. Staggered parking sounds like a great start! Thank you.
10. Please consider outlining (paint) designated parking spots to help with the transition.
11. Granger is a thru street and meant to be that way! If anything is taken into, consideration is should be a record of accidents on Granger. Also, football season should be a consideration.
12. Our car has already been hit while parked on Granger at the end of a row of cars. Asking cars to weave back and forth along Granger would only cause more chaos. We suggest adding a cross walk at, say, Park ad Granger with signage, as on State St. were recently added. These have greatly improved ped. experience on State.
13. Staggered parking would only cause more problems and interfere with trash pickups etc. There's plenty parking already.
14. Speeding is a concern but staggered parking is not the answer. Speed bumps or stop signs would be more effective.
15. I do not agree with staggered parking as a solution. I think we will have more accidents by switching back and forth.
16. Granger St. from State to Ferdon speeding occurs the entire street length. Bad, wrong, survey only one conclusion choice effort. City engineer decided this one effort. The letter received from the Traffic Engineer, Cynthia Redinger is composed and worded with many contradictions, as is the postcard survey. Also, not carefully thought out. Tax paying resident owners on Granger Ave

eye daily speeding. Requesting and open meeting to discuss. Open meeting for safety solutions. Speeding is against the law. Speed Kills. Requesting an open meeting forum with the Public Services Area Administrator, Mr. Hupy.

Other comments received:

1. To whom it may concern:

The proposed choices are staggered parking, or doing nothing. I don't agree with either proposal.

Staggered parking will be a problem for several reasons. First, it will be confusing to residents and their guests. Even single-side parking can be confusing, as you can often see vehicles parked illegally on the north side of Granger Ave. Second, it will be challenging for solid waste pick-up, and again this is already a challenging issue for houses on the south side of the street. Third, it will further increase congestion on days when the streets and lawns in this neighborhood are used as a parking lot for U-M sporting events.

On the other hand, speeding does not occur frequently but there are vehicles, especially emergency vehicles, that do exceed 25MPH on Granger. Such vehicles will not be impeded by staggered parking. However there is one place on the street where speeding creates a significant hazard.

The intersection of Granger and Golden is a problem. Parking on the south side of Granger obscures the view of anyone who has come to a stop at the north terminus of Golden, trying to make a turn. When street parking is at capacity, moving vehicles on Granger are not visible to drivers waiting to turn until those vehicles have come right up to the intersection at 25MPH or faster.

What's more, vehicles can park on both sides of Golden right up to the intersection corners. Frequently there are large vehicles (such as postal delivery vehicles, SUVs, or recreational vehicles) parked on Golden or on Granger.

Staggered parking will not address this situation. The enclosed proposal allows south side parking to the east side of the Granger-Golden intersection, obscuring the view in that direction.

The proper remedy is to leave parking as it is, and make the Granger- Golden intersection a three-way stop. That way, all drivers entering that intersection can be sure of seeing all cross-traffic (stopped on Granger), no matter how many vehicles are parked on either side of Golden.

This remedy will also serve to calm traffic speeds on Granger by requiring vehicles to come to a full stop halfway down the street. The reason speeding is even an issue on Granger is because it is a clear shot, without any impedence, between the Packard and State Street thoroughfares.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.