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From: City of Ann Arbor Transportation Commission
Subject: FW: Pedestrian Dangers and Speeding on Geddes Ave

From: Parag Patil <XXXXXXXXXX>
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2022 10:52 AM
To: Song, Linh <XXXXXXXXXX >; Taylor, Christopher (Mayor) <XXXXXXXXXX >
Cc: Kate Patil <XXXXXXXXXX >; Griswold, Kathy <XXXXXXXXXX >; Briggs, Erica <XXXXXXXXXX >; City of Ann Arbor Transportation Commission <TransportationCommission@a2gov.org>
Subject: Re: Pedestrian Dangers and Speeding on Geddes Ave

Dear Council Member Song and Mayor Taylor,

I hope that you had a nice trip, Ms. Song. Thank you both for your responses. Sorry that I missed Ms. Song's call—I was in a meeting when you called.

Kate and I are grateful to you for your help and that of Council Member Griswold and Mayor Taylor.

We are glad to hear that some work is being done on Geddes. For clarity, the area of concern is the region circled on the attached map below. It is a different area from the Racquet Club. We are aware that work is planned on our region of Geddes which, in addition to the hit-and-run on the little boy, is why we are reaching out now with such urgency.

When the work is being done, a crosswalk could be placed on the East side of Onondaga, across Geddes (see aerial view). We recognize that visibility and high speeds are an issue (that is how the first child (Annie) was killed at this intersection and also how the young boy was recently hit). Therefore, in addition to the crosswalk, we believe that it would be necessary to place flanking speed humps or speed tables. I've drawn on aerial view to show what we mean by this.

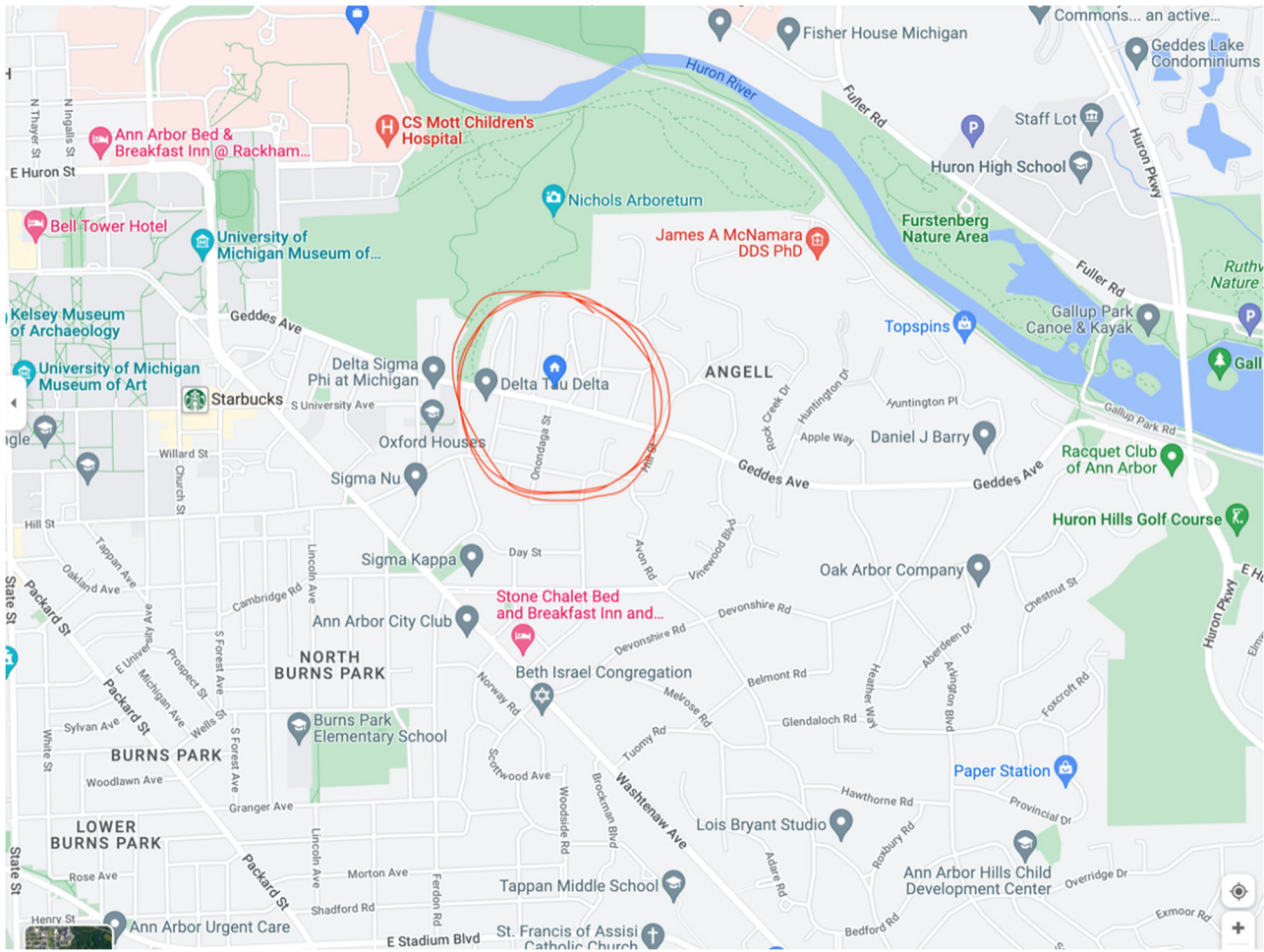
In addition to these measures, there are very few 25 MPH signs on Geddes Avenue. Placing more speed limit signs and encouraging the police to ticket frequently could do much to increase traffic safety, particularly for our children.

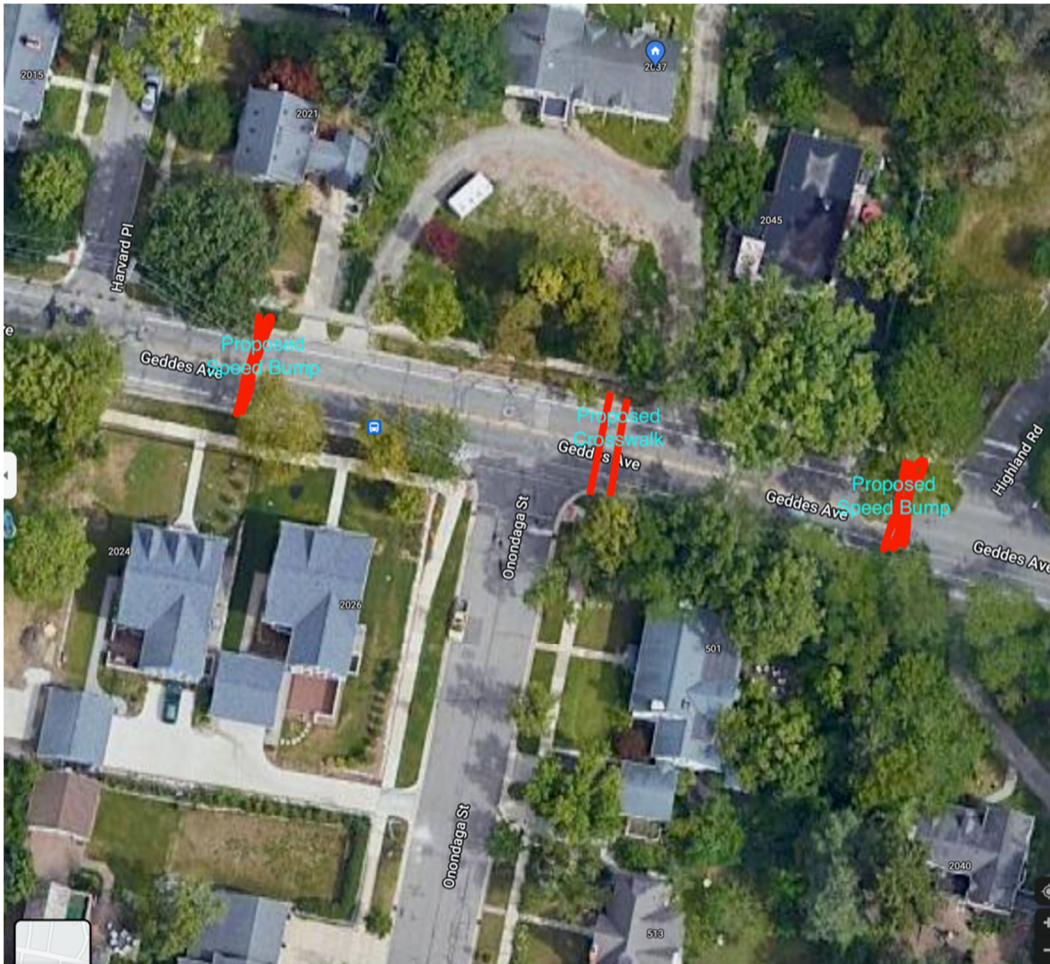
None of these interventions would involve major incremental cost. It is sad to think that Annie's life could have been likely saved for a tenth the cost of the hospitalization prior to her death.

Mayor Taylor, Kate and I have filled out the AAPD make-a-suggestion in the past, and have done so again, including this email chain. I've cc'ed the transportation commission (this is the instruction on the website you shared). Together with your efforts, we hope that Molly Kleinman is alerted to the issue in time for the July 20th meeting. I would be happy to speak with any of you by phone or to join a zoom meeting.

Best regards,
Parag

2037 Geddes Avenue
Cell: XXXXXXXXXXX





On Jul 14, 2022, at 9:21 AM, Song, Linh <XXXXXXXXXX > wrote:

Hello Everyone,

My apologies for the late response as I was out of the country and am catching up with email. I left a voicemail for Dr. Patil and would look forward to chatting more. I noted that there will be a sidewalk addition by the Racquet Club, a requirement triggered by our ordinance requirements and that previous Councilmembers had approved waivers for. It does not address speed or traffic calming but that addition is one improvement supporting pedestrian safety that I'm eager to see happen.

I will work with CM Briggs and Transportation Commission Chair Molly Kleinman to explore what our traffic calming options are for Geddes. I'm happy to organize a Zoom call once we have some ideas to present back to your family and residents. Thank you again for reaching out.

Linh Song

From: Taylor, Christopher (Mayor) <XXXXXXXXXX >

Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2022 6:05 AM

To: Parag Patil <XXXXXXXXXX >

Cc: Kate Patil <XXXXXXXXXX >; Griswold, Kathy <XXXXXXXXXX >; Song, Linh <XXXXXXXXXX >; Briggs,

Erica <XXXXXXXXXX >

Subject: Re: Pedestrian Dangers and Speeding on Geddes Ave

Dr Patil,

Thank you for writing and for expressing your observations and concerns regarding traffic on Geddes. Pedestrian safety is a longstanding focus of mine and an important element of decision making at city hall.

The periodic filing of traffic complaints with AAPD will put this stretch on the department's radar with respect to traffic enforcement. Please see: <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/engineering/traffic/Pages/Make-a-Suggestion.aspx>

Regarding the Transportation Commission, I cannot direct their agenda or activities, but I am certain that folks there would be interested to engage as they can. Please contact the Chair, Molly Kleinman, via the website: <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/engineering/transportation/Pages/Transportation-Commission.aspx>.

I have also cc'd Councilmember Briggs, the Council liaison to the Transportation Commission, who may be able to constructively work with you on the matter.

Finally, I will also ensure that Staff, via the City Administrator, is aware of your communication and request that someone contact you to discuss.

Kind regards,

Christopher

Christopher Taylor
Mayor of the City of Ann Arbor
301 East Huron Street
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104
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he/him/his

From: Parag Patil <XXXXXXXXXX >

Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 8:17 PM

To: Taylor, Christopher (Mayor) <XXXXXXXXXX >

Cc: Kate Patil <XXXXXXXXXX >; Griswold, Kathy <XXXXXXXXXX >; Song, Linh <XXXXXXXXXX >

Subject: Pedestrian Dangers and Speeding on Geddes Ave

Dear Mayor Taylor,

My wife Kate and I live at 2037 Geddes Avenue. After speaking to our local Council Member, we are writing to request that the issue of pedestrian accidents, crosswalks, and traffic speeds on Geddes Avenue be raised with the Transportation Commission. As shared in the emails below, one child was killed and another injured on Geddes in front of our home (intersection of Onondaga and Geddes Avenue).

For your convenience, I have attached a photo of the intersection, looking North (towards our home). This is a location that many are forced to cross Geddes, as there is no sidewalk on the South side of

Geddes to the East of this intersection (right side of photo). In addition, many park in this area or walk their animals. In any hour, several people are crossing. At the same time, traffic routinely goes 40-50 MPH (including trucks) in a 25 MPH zone. In fact, when we drive 25 on Geddes Avenue, we are routinely passed by aggressive drivers crossing the double yellow lines. I have yet to see police give a citations in this area.

The numbers of racing cars/trucks and close-calls we witness from our home are horrifying. The latter child that was hit (which Kate describes below) was a hit-and-run, leaving a young child thrown to the pavement.

We understand that road repairs and upgrades are planned soon on Geddes in this location and we urge you to include speed bumps/traffic controls and a well-marked crosswalk in those plans.

Something must be done to prevent more children from being hurt.

Best regards,
Parag Patil

2037 Geddes Avenue
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On Jul 13, 2022, at 6:31 PM, Parag Patil <XXXXXXXXXX > wrote:

Dear Council Members Song and Griswold,

Thank you for your service to the City of Ann Arbor and the residents of Ward 2. If you have not yet seen it, I wanted to draw your attention to the critical issue on Geddes that my wife Kate shared with you a week ago. One child was killed and another injured on Geddes in front of our home. And the numbers of racing cars/trucks and close-calls we witness from our home are horrifying. We also understand that road repairs are planned soon on Geddes and we urge you to include speed bumps/traffic controls and a well-marked crosswalk in those plans.

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Best regards,
Parag Patil

2037 Geddes Avenue
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Kate Patil <XXXXXXXXXX >
Subject: Fwd: Traffic on Geddes Ave
Date: July 13, 2022 at 6:08:05 PM EDT
To: P-Diddy Patil <XXXXXXXXXX >

Hi babe, see if you can get any response from either, I forgot to CC you on both but it's been a week without any response.

K

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kate Patil <XXXXXXXXXX >
Date: July 6, 2022 at 18:12:37 EDT
To: XXXXXXXXXXX, XXXXXXXXXXX
Subject: Traffic on Geddes Ave

I am resending this to include you both. The following was sent to Ms. Song over the past weekend.

Dear Council Members Griswold and Song,

My family and I reside at 2037 Geddes Ave. On June 13, 2022, I returned home after dropping my daughter off school, while sitting in my driveway finishing a phone call, I saw police lights and upon walking out to the sidewalk, found a police officer aiding a young boy who had been hit by a vehicle. This is the second, that I know of, child to be hit at this location and while it appeared that this child would survive his injuries, the little girl who was hit in 2014 did not.

We have been completing extensive renovations on our home and landscape and have had to park across Geddes at different times. Crossing Geddes at every time of day is nearly impossible without fear and actual danger of being struck by a speeding vehicle. Large trucks pulling trailers barrel down the road daily which surely causes the surface to deteriorate faster. That said, nearly all vehicles travel much too fast. My husband and I are frequently passed by speeding vehicles while traveling the proper speed (25 mph) on double solid yellow lines. This situation is unsafe and the process to request "traffic calming" seems unnecessarily laborious considering that all of us lead busy lives. This has been the suggestion from the city to neighbors who have utilized the clickfix app to report the nightly drag races occurring on Geddes Ave.

I would like to meet with you to discuss all aspects of this issue so that you have an understanding of the issues facing those of us in Ward 2 who live on and around Geddes Avenue.

This is a safety issue for all who live and Ward 2 and visitors who park nearby to visit the arboretum. Ann Arbor already lost a child to this problem, we need your help to ensure this does not happen again.

Sincerely,

Kate Patil

Sent from my iPhone