

To Mayor and Councillors,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak during the upcoming Council meeting on January 29, 2018.

The specific concern I would like to address is regarding the proposed installation of speed humps along the entire length of River Road in east Richmond from Number #6 Road through to Westminster Highway.

Although I support road safety initiatives in general, I have serious concerns about the impact of this project on emergency response times for local residents

As residents in this part of the city are amongst the furthest in proximity to Richmond General Hospital, the idea of installing a specific road feature designed to slow the speed of traffic carries with it potential consequences in the event of medical, fire, and police emergencies.

In the past week alone, I've listened to the sound of sirens travelling along this length of road twice, a sound now more ominous given the prospects ahead with the proposed changes to this key roadway.

Having already been through a time-sensitive medical emergency firsthand, and having been excluded from the survey conducted by the city last summer, (as were numerous other directly-affected residents,) I would very much welcome the opportunity to present my concerns for your consideration.

sincerely,

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