

WABAN AREA COUNCIL

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William Paille, Chair
Traffic Council
City of Newton

Dear Mr. Paille & members of the Traffic Council:

The Waban Area Council respectfully requests that Traffic Council approve a study of possible traffic calming measures on Radcliff and Tamworth Roads.

Background:

This short street (see map, below) connects Chestnut St. and Quinobequin Rd. near Rt. 9. The Chestnut St. corner has a school bus stop (K-12) and many pedestrian crossings at Chestnut, but no sidewalks west of Chestnut.

Drivers, frustrated by the backups at Chestnut/Rt. 9 during evening rush hour, frequently take this street at speed to access Rt. 9 or 128. Intersections are extremely wide, encouraging such behavior.

The Radcliff/Tamworth neighbors met Oct. 22 and reviewed the problems and possible solutions. All attending (list attached) agreed on the following:

1. All would accept a raised intersection (especially at Chestnut, where night time speeding is an issue), planted curb extensions, planted intersection islands, or other common traffic calming measures. Some abutters would prefer no sidewalks.
2. Knowing that the street drains to the Charles, all agreed that traffic calming measures incorporating pilot "green stormwater" infrastructure would be welcome.
3. All abutters agreed to accept clean up and maintenance of any planted traffic calming measures the City installed.
4. Should City engineers decide traffic calming is appropriate, all would appreciate a meeting to review any planned measures before they are installed.

Thank you for your consideration,

Yours,