

Date	Agenda No.	Subject
3/10/10	9(a)	Windermere Street Traffic Calming

Initiated By:	Windermere Street Resident, Rachel Miller
Action Proposed:	Approval of Traffic Circles
Presented By:	Charles Blosten, Public Services Director and Craig Faessler, Traffic Engineer

INTRODUCTION

The City has an adopted Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) to address faster and higher volumes of traffic in residential neighborhoods. Recently, some Windermere Street residents have petitioned the city to install two traffic circles to control speeding vehicles in the area south of Ridge Road. Traffic circles currently exist in the city on: Gallup Street, Elati Street, Caley Ave., Powers Ave. and Blue Sage Dr.

According to the NTMP, "Neighborhood support for any Stage 3 Traffic Management Project must be demonstrated by the neighborhood. The boundaries of the neighborhood required for approval of Stage 3 projects will be defined by the city. A minimum of 75% of the neighborhood shall approve any Stage 3 project. Before a Stage 3 project is presented to City Council, the neighborhood must demonstrate 75% acceptance."

We also require 100% sign-off from residents immediately impacted by the proposed traffic calming devices.

The attached petitions indicate there is the required support for the installation of traffic circles on Windermere Street, as requested.

HISTORY AND FACTS

Several months ago, the city met with a resident of South Windermere Street concerning motorists speeding on the street. In accordance with the NTMP, the city staff placed a portable speed control sign on the street to remind motorists of the posted speed limit and alert them of their actual speed. This is Stage 1, Education. We also reviewed all existing traffic signs and markings to make sure they were properly located and visible. The Police Department was alerted to the complaints about speeding and traffic enforcement was initiated; this is typical for Stage 2, Enforcement.

The staff did traffic counts and speed studies to determine if a speeding problem actually existed at this location. According to staff analyses, the volume on Windermere ranged from 3691 to 3696; this is for 2-way traffic during a 24 hour period. The counts were done on a weekday in December while school was in session. These traffic volumes would be considered normal for a collector street accessing the high school.

During the study period, it was determined many motorists were exceeding the posted speed limit (30 MPH). On 12/15/2009, there were 153 people out of a total of 1886 driving over 35 MPH (northbound only); on 12/16, there were 152 exceeding 35 MPH (NB). On 12/16, 360 cars were clocked at more than 35 MPH (SB).

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Ms. Rachel Miller has circulated petitions requesting the city to install traffic circles on Windermere at Southridge Way (south) and Davies Ave. She has enough signatures to bring this request forward to the Council.

FINANCIAL DETAILS

Staff estimates the cost to install the proposed traffic circles is \$15,000. Landscaping would be an additional cost of \$600, automatic irrigation would not be provided.

The 2010 Budget does not include any money for Traffic Calming. Due to cost containment budgetary measures instituted this year, we do not have adequate funds in the Special Projects/Capital Improvement Budget. If approved, the staff proposes to present a Contingency Transfer Resolution to Council at the next regular meeting on April 6th.

LEGAL OPINION

The City Attorney does not typically get involved in this matter.

CONFLICTS AND/OR COMPLICATIONS

This proposal has generated a great deal of discussion among the neighborhood. Copies of all correspondence are included with this communication.

The city’s approved NTMP does explain how a neighborhood can proceed with traffic calming: Step 1 is Education; Step 2 is Enforcement and Step 3 is Engineering. The goal is to encourage motorists to drive at or near the speed limit (30) and be aware they are in a residential neighborhood.

The neighborhood identified for this proposal is along both sides of Windermere Street, from Ridge Road to Geddes Ave. Some people believe we should have expanded the neighborhood to include properties on the intersecting streets. However, in all past traffic calming projects, the neighborhood only included residences on the street where the proposed installation was to occur. For example, when we did the Caley Ave. traffic circle, only properties “touching” Caley were included in the neighborhood. So, any property that touched Windermere is included in this neighborhood; even if the house does not face or have access to Windermere Street.

Our experience over the years of doing nine traffic circles and numerous speed humps indicates that most residents who do not live on the primary affected street do not want the traffic calming improvement. This is a perfectly normal response, as they will not benefit from the placement of the traffic circles; but, they will be required to drive around them as they travel on Windermere Street.

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Rather than restate all of the issues with this proposal, I think the letters speak for themselves. In an effort to utilize the latest electronic concepts for allowing residents to “weigh in” on this project, an e-mail address was created to receive comments from residents, even from those who are not part of the designated neighborhood.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The petitioner has followed the procedures in the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (Traffic Calming Toolkit). The signatures represent support from more than 75% of the neighborhood residents and 100% of those persons who would be directly affected by the installation of the traffic circles.

Staff recommends approval of the traffic circles for South Windermere Street.

SUGGESTED MOTION

I move the City Council approve the installation of traffic circles for Windermere Street at Southridge Way and at Davies Ave.; and, the staff is hereby directed to bring a Contingency Transfer Resolution for Council consideration on April 6, 2010.

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Yes _____ No _____ Absent _____

Traffic Calming on Windermere south of Ridge Road

PETITION

For safety and traffic calming purposes the Windermere street neighborhood is proposing traffic calming measures on Windermere Street. These measures include traffic circles at the south intersection of Southridge Way and Windermere and at the intersection of Davies and Windermere.

The proposed traffic circles and overall traffic calming has been developed and analyzed in conjunction with Charles Bolsten and Tim Weaver from the City of Littleton. Both are in the traffic safety and public services side of The City of Littleton. Prior to presentation to the city council, your input is required.

Name: Rachel Miller-Shoet

Address: 6740 S. Windermere St.

I (Favor) (Oppose) the traffic calming proposal for Windermere Street

Signature: Rachel Miller Shoet

Date: 1/23/2010

Name: Ralph Silva

Address: 6696 S. Windermere St.

I (Favor) (Oppose) the traffic calming proposal for Windermere Street

Signature: Ralph Silva

Date: 1-23-10

Name: Colleen Schwartz

Address: 6681 S. Windermere St.

I (Favor) (Oppose) the traffic calming proposal for Windermere Street

Signature: Colleen Schwartz

Date: 1-23-10

Name: Karen Briebel

Address: 1606 W. Davies Ave

I (Favor) (Oppose) the traffic calming proposal for Windermere Street

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Date: 1.23.10

Name: Corbin Sakdol

Address: 7019 S. Windermere St.

I (Favor) (Oppose) the traffic calming proposal for Windermere Street

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Date: 1/23/10

Name: RICK PONTAZA

Address: 7029 S. WINDERMERE ST

I (Favor) (Oppose) the traffic calming proposal for Windermere Street

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Date: 1-23-10

Name: KIRK DOUGLAS

Address: 6797 S. WINDERMERE ST.

I (Favor) (Oppose) the traffic calming proposal for Windermere Street

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Date: 1/23/10

7100 S Windermere ...

2/2/10 -
Tried to obtain
Data with success

1/23/10 10:50am
no answer

1/27/10 - 1:15pm
Asked to leave not done!

Name: KAREN LOYD

Address: 6733 S. WINDERMERE ST. 80120

I (Favor) (Oppose) the traffic calming proposal for Windermere Street

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Date: 23 JAN 10

Name: LOREN SKUNDBERG

Address: 6758 S. WINDERMERE ST

I (Favor) (Oppose) the traffic calming proposal for Windermere Street

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Date: 1-23-2010

Name: Joseph Miller

Address: 6840 S Windermere St

I (Favor) (Oppose) the traffic calming proposal for Windermere Street

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Date: 1-27-2010

Name: Kelly Alcorn

Address: 11 Southridge Wy

I (Favor) (Oppose) the traffic calming proposal for Windermere Street

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Date: 1/27/10

1/27 - In favor of traffic calming but opposed to budget allocation to this in 2010

Name: Van Essen

Address: 7117 S. Windermere

I (Favor) (Oppose) the traffic calming proposal for Windermere Street

Signature: Chelsea Van Essen

Date: Jan. 27, 2010

Name: Jessica Organ

Address: ~~8005 SW 71st~~ 7128 SW Windermere St

I (Favor) (Oppose) the traffic calming proposal for Windermere Street

Signature: Jessica Organ

Date: 1/27/10

Name: LAURA GABRIEL

Address: 1599 W. COSTILLA PL.

I (Favor) (Oppose) the traffic calming proposal for Windermere Street

Signature: Laura C Gabriel

Date: 1-27-2010

Name: HENRY C MARSHALL

Address: 7039 S Windermere ST

I (Favor) (Oppose) the traffic calming proposal for Windermere Street

Signature: Henry C Marshall

Date: 1/27/10

Name: JAMES J. WOZNIAK

Address: 1505 W. BRIARWOOD AVE

I (Favor) (Oppose) the traffic calming proposal for Windermere Street

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Date: 1-27-10

Name: Kathryn M. Busti

Address: 1590 W. Briarwood Av

I (Favor) (Oppose) the traffic calming proposal for Windermere Street

Signature: Kathryn Busti

Date: 1/27/2010

Note: doesn't feel comfortable driving around them.

Name: Mary Kimmett

Address: 520 Front Range Rd

I (Favor) (Oppose) the traffic calming proposal for Windermere Street

Signature: Mary Kimmett

Date: 1/27/10

Note: Wants Skate boarders addressed 1st

Name: Mike Hays

Address: 7087 So Windermere

I (Favor) (Oppose) the traffic calming proposal for Windermere Street

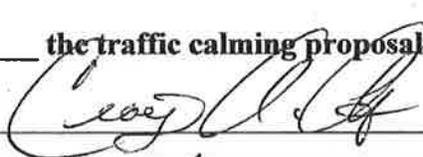
Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Date: 1-27-10

Name: Fox Creek Bldgs.

Address: 6837 S. WINDERMERE ST.

I (Favor) (Oppose) the traffic calming proposal for Windermere Street

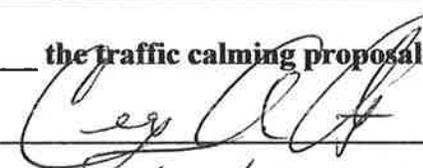
Signature: 

Date: 1/23/2010

Name: CERIBO AUSTIN

Address: 6827 S. WINDERMERE ST.

I (Favor) (Oppose) the traffic calming proposal for Windermere Street

Signature: 

Date: 1/23/10

Name: CRAIG AUSTIN

Address: 6817 S. WINDERMERE ST.

I (Favor) (Oppose) the traffic calming proposal for Windermere Street

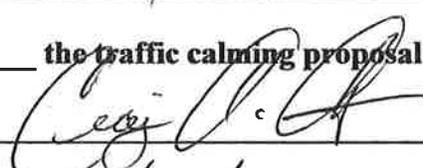
Signature: 

Date: 1/23/10

Name: ALEXANDER HOMES, INC.

Address: 6847 S. WINDERMERE ST.

I (Favor) (Oppose) the traffic calming proposal for Windermere Street

Signature: 

Date: 1/23/10

Name: Dick + Alice Goossen

Address: 7127 S Windermere St

I (Favor) (Oppose) the traffic calming proposal for Windermere Street

Signature: Alice Goossen

Date: 1-30-10

Name: Shirley McDaniel

Address: 6789 S Windermere St

I (Favor) (Oppose) the traffic calming proposal for Windermere Street

Signature: Shirley McDaniel

Date: 2-2-2010

Name: Christine Comarck

Address: 6810 S Windermere St Littleton, CO 80120

I (Favor) (Oppose) the traffic calming proposal for Windermere Street
with concern about locations.

Signature: Christine Comarck

Date: 1-3-2010

Name: Trujillo Residence

Address: 1405 W. Davies Ave

I (Favor) (Oppose) the traffic calming proposal for Windermere Street

Signature: Spoke with mother of Maryanne and she stated

Date: 1/3/10 they didn't care either way. The did state that they weren't opposed to the measures.

* On 1/3/10 - 3794-3390 7:45pm
said they would like to only talk over the phone

from

February 2, 2010

Dear Littleton Resident,

As you are aware, Windermere Street south of Ridge Road is a main feeder street to/from Heritage High School and the adjoining neighborhoods. Currently, there is an average of 3600 motorists a day that drive Windermere south of Ridge. With that traffic count the safety of the people who travel, walk or live on Windermere should be a primary concern.

Recently the City of Littleton performed a traffic study on Windermere Street. Those results showed there are consistent speeding problems in both directions. That coupled with multiple residents on Windermere having had vehicles in their yard, mailboxes knocked over (due to traffic) and overwhelming concerns over traffic safety something needs to be done.

The solution being considered is traffic circles at two intersections (Windermere and Davies Place and Windermere and the Southridge Way, south). This solution would be similar to what was done on Elati Street north of Runyon School. These changes to Windermere Street will help slow down the traffic and implement the measures needed to make Windermere Street a safe street for those of us who live here and the pedestrians who use the sidewalk.

With over 95% support for these measures, we the residents who call Windermere Street home have the support necessary to take this solution to the Littleton City Council. Prior to that, we would like your input. To hear your thoughts we have created an email address you can use to voice your opinion. Please email windermerespeaks@aol.com with your comments and concerns.

When you respond please let us know if you desire additional information and we will be glad to email/respond back to you.

Thanks,



Rachel Miller

millerracheld@yahoo.com

Windermere Resident

City of Littleton

Public Services

2255 West Berry Avenue
Littleton, Colorado 80165
303-795-3863
FAX 303-795-3856

March 5, 2010

Resident
South Windermere Street
Littleton, CO 80120

Dear Windermere Street Resident:

As you may be aware, the City of Littleton has been requested to install two traffic circles on Windermere Street, south of Ridge Road. The proposed locations are at:

- Davies **Ave.** (not Davies Place, as was indicated in previous correspondence)
- Southridge Way, south

The city's *Neighborhood Traffic Management Program* permits residents to request that traffic calming measures be implemented on local and collector streets. The residents requesting traffic calming must submit a petition to the city indicating a minimum of 75% of the residents on the street support the proposal; and, 100% of the immediately affected residents where the proposed traffic calming devices are to be located support the plan.

The petitions have been submitted to the city and we will be presenting them to the City Council at their next regular meeting on March 16 (this meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m.). The Council will consider this matter and may approve the traffic circles and authorize the expenditure of \$15,000. If approved, the traffic circles would be installed later in the spring or summer.

You may attend the Council meeting, watch it on Comcast Channel 8 or view it on the Internet via the city's web cast service: (<http://www.littletongov.org/littleton8/default.asp>).

If you have any questions regarding this proposal or wish to submit written information for me to include with the staff report, contact me at: cblosten@littletongov.org or 303-795-3863.

Sincerely,



Charles Blosten
Public Services Director

Charles Blosten

From: Kelly Alcorn [kalcorn@rockymtndata.net]

Sent: Monday, March 08, 2010 8:03 PM

To: Charles Blosten

Subject: Windermere St. traffic

Mr. Blosten:

I am in receipt of Rachel Miller's letter regarding traffic on Windermere St. between Ridge Rd. and Heritage High School. In her letter, she quotes a figure of 3600 motorists per day traveling Windermere south of Ridge Rd. That number seems high to me. Did she obtain that figure from your department? Could you please tell me the method used to arrive upon the figure of 3600 motorists per day? Is that an actual vehicle count or does it pertain to the population of the area? I have a home office with a window facing Windermere and was surprised to see that figure. That translates to 150 motorists/hour in a 24-hour period. I would be interested in your response. Thanks.

Kelly Alcorn
303-794-9496
Kalco82857@aol.com

Charles Blosten

From: Tim Weaver
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2010 1:12 PM
To: Charles Blosten
Subject: FW: Windermere Road traffic circles
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Red

From: Rob Beery [mailto:RBeery@millerweingarten.com]
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2010 12:53 PM
To: Tim Weaver
Subject: FW: Windermere Road traffic circles

Tim:

Thought we should copy you on our comments to windermerespeaks@aol.com regarding the letter we received from Rachel Miller, a local resident regarding the proposed traffic circles. We may be incorrect in our assumptions but wanted to make sure the comments were forwarded onto the City as well.

We just hope safety is the main concern and not personal property. I'm sure you are the expert on the success of these circles and will make the appropriate recommendation in any case.

Thank You

Rob and Amy Beery

From: Rob Beery
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2010 11:53 AM
To: windermerespeaks@aol.com
Subject: FW: Windermere Road traffic circles

We acknowledge the high speeds on Windermere, due likely in part to the downhill grades in both directions, We are not big fans of traffic circles on a heavily traveled street. The success on Elati is different in that it does not have as much traffic volumes as Windermere and is more likely driven by adults versus teenagers who will still try to race through an obstacle.

Have the engineers looked at the potential number of accidents at a traffic circle on a steep downhill grade street? Hopefully this does not create a more dangerous scenario for teenage drivers. I would rather lose my mailbox than see someone hurt in an accident. There is a big grade drop off along the west edge of the proposed Southridge Way circle. A guard rail would be appropriate if they intend to force a right turning movement going downhill southbound on Windermere. The northern portion of Windermere can also be very slippery with just a little snow or rain. I would think a traffic circle would be better located on a flat grade such as the intersection of West Davies Avenue.

We wish there was a better alternative. We have rarely seen a speed patrol car on Windermere issuing speeding tickets to alert the Heritage students? Maybe the city could make some money instead of spending it.

In any case Hopefully the City has learned to never again build a high school in the middle of residential area with inadequate access via a major arterial street. Elementary and middle schools make sense but not a high school.

Thank you

Rob and Amy Beery
1520 West Briarwood Avenue
Littleton, Co 80102

Bruce.stahlman@gmail.com
windermerespeaks@aol.com
picernanec@aol.com
cblosten@littletongov.org

RE: . Traffic Circles on Windermere

As residents of Littleton for some 45 years (32 years on Davies Place) we are most certainly against the concept of traffic circles on Windermere. Let's deal with reality.

Residents who chose to live on main feeder streets or near high schools have, by choice, opted for traffic safety issues. Drivers who exceed the speed limit on Windermere will do the same on any street in Littleton. All residents have, at some point, exceeded the speed limit. Don't kid yourself. This includes all residents who live on Windermere!

Spending excessive amounts of limited tax dollars on frivolous traffic circles is ridiculous. Duh! What about 3-way stop signs at one or two strategic intersections on Windermere at a tiny fraction of the cost of roundy-rounds. Front Range is the likely candidate OR Lee gulch could have a 2-way stop since we are accustomed to stopping there for pedestrians and bicyclists by law through existing signage.

These two simple solutions are conscious of cost and would divide the stretch from Ridge to Rangeview into approximate thirds.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars have already been spent on traffic calming around Heritage high with questionable success. Citing a similar example like traffic circles....when you take a close look at the speed control on Rangeview where a very expensive project made a curly-cue out of a perfectly straight street, you will still see excessive speed by those who don't observe speed limits anywhere they drive. Some drivers straighten out the street by ignoring the double yellow line. There is property damage like the concrete curbing at Rangeview and Prince that has been driven over thousands of times. Tire damage? There are sheared off wooden posts, and tire tracks in deep muddy ruts along the curves. Those downfalls were never factored in by traffic engineers!

Simple stop signs would have done a better job of traffic calming than the expensive dramatic Elitch ride on Range view. Don't waste tax dollars on a similar concept for Windermere.

Laws are already in existence to deal with speeders. If Windermere is such a problem (we haven't seen anything out of the ordinary in our thousands of trips on Windermere especially when compared to any other feeders in Littleton), then aggressively step up a speed trap policy on a frequent year around basis with a no/low cost use of existing enforcement – POLICE.

Both local and Windermere residents will no doubt be cited for speeding, but so be it for improved safety.

Also the word about a well-enforced speed trap will travel quickly throughout the high school population, further improving safety.

IF money is to be spent on Windermere, spend it on the one or two blocks of the unimproved west side of Windermere (south of Ridge). There is a steep drop off, no sidewalks, tree encroachment, and a narrow dangerous driving path during icy snow storms. First things first!

With unpredictable future tax revenues, we must curb frivolous wishful spending both locally and nationally. "Change" has necessitated new responsibilities.

Respectfully,

Tom and Gayle Browning
1394 W. Davies Place
Littleton

Charles Blosten

From: Kathryn Michele Busti [busti@theatrethings.com]
Sent: Monday, March 08, 2010 7:11 PM
To: Charles Blosten
Subject: RE: Traffic Circles

Hi Charlie,

This is Michele Busti --- we talked about the poor drainage on Briarwood by the south cul-de-sac. I'm leaving for Costa Rica in about 30 minutes but wanted to send you a quick note first. We can discuss the drainage issue after March 18 when I return.

Before I leave, I wanted you to know I'll still be in Costa Rica on March 16 so I cannot attend the City Council meeting. Please register that:

1. My property is adjacent to Windermere
2. I am 100% opposed to the construction of the proposed traffic circles.

Thanks for making my views known at the meeting.

Kathryn Michele Busti

Homeowner -- 1590 W. Briarwood Avenue (home on southeast corner of Windermere and Briarwood)

Charles Blosten

From: Cimsibs@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, March 04, 2010 2:04 PM
To: windermereSpeaks@aol.com
Cc: Charles Blosten
Subject: Re: Traffic Circles

Ms. Miller,

Thank you for your efforts to make contact with us concerning your desire to have traffic circles installed on South Windermere. As I indicated to you during our conversation at my home, my husband and I are adamantly opposed to having traffic circles on South Windermere Street. We would like to you note our opposition.

My understanding of our conversation is that you indicated that the flashing speed sign that was placed on Windermere Street south of Ridge Road was a very effective tool in slowing down the traffic. You also indicated that a higher police presence in the neighborhood also had the desired effect of slowing traffic. We both observed that adult drivers were being ticketed for speeding rather than the high school drivers. We could also agree that police ticketing was a revenue generating.

Before a permanent solution of numerous traffic signs for each traffic circle with concrete curbing, etc, I suggested to you that another traffic study could be done during the month of July, when Heritage high school is not in session to have a comparison to the December 2009 traffic study.

Additionally, Mr. Cirbo and I believe the traffic circles are not needed in light of other strategies that are readily available to deter speeding, such as increased police presence during high volume traffic patterns and the flashing speed sign. Let's try these strategies first, and then reassess the problem.

Sincerely,

Pam & Leo Cirbo
7100 S. Windermere St.
Littleton, CO 80120

Charles Blosten

From: windermerspeaks@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2010 10:59 AM
To: Charles Blosten
Subject: Fwd: traffic circles

-----Original Message-----

From: Ken Coddington <doccod@live.com>
To: windermerspeaks@aol.com
Sent: Sat, Feb 20, 2010 12:26 pm
Subject: traffic circles

Greetings,

I do have a question or two concerning the proposed traffic circles: 1) Will snow plows and gravel trucks be able to traverse these easily? The Windermere hill requires the gravel on snowy, icy days. 2) How easily can emergency vehicles - fire trucks, paramedics, and ambulances drive through these circles?

Rachel mentions in her letter that over 95% of residents who call Windermere home support this measure. I'm curious how many people were surveyed. This is the first I've heard of such a proposal. I'm also wondering when and where cars in yards appeared. I drive Windermere several times daily and have never seen such. I did see one mailbox near Windermere and Rangeview damaged, but that was several years ago. -- Just wondering. I'd appreciate a reply.

-- Barbara Coddington
805 Front Range Road
Littleton, CO 80120

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From: drechsp@comcast.net

To: windermerespeaks@aol.com

Subject: Windermere circles

Date: Wed, Feb 17, 2010 11:25 am

Rachel,

I would be completely opposed to the proposal regarding placing traffic circles on the street. I am unaware of the speeding and safety issues that you discuss, however I think that much of the problem stems from the high school drivers. If those circles were placed, the residents would be forced to deal with them constantly, 365 days per year, while the high-schoolers are there about 150 days and only 8 or so hours each of those days (and of course to a minor degree evenings and summer). I would think that some persistent police presence would change things dramatically in a very short time. Has that been discussed with the Littleton Police?

Paul Drechsler 3037941092

Thanks & Clarification Sent

Charles Blosten

From: GORDON ERICKSON [egordon5@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, March 08, 2010 8:15 PM
To: Charles Blosten
Subject: Windermere Street traffic circles proposal.

Dear Mr. Charles Blosten
Public Service Director
Littleton, Colorado

Our name are Gordon Erickson and Joyce Erickson and have lived at 7049 S. Windermere Street for 30 years. In those 30 years we have dealt with the Windermere traffic, which at times is heavy. Those times are usually 6:45 a.m. to 7:15 a.m. Heritage high school drop off and in the afternoon for pick-up.

When traffic gets to hurried all it takes to slow it down is a Littleton Police Officer to set up a speed trap. It works everytime. That news travels fast.

By putting in traffic circles this will really cause a traffic problem on mornings and afternoons when we have snow and ice on the Windermere Street hills. When cars have to slow down to go around the circles they will loose the momentum to make Windermere street both North and South. Presently the cars start to loose traction in front of my house when heading south. Going north, slowing down at Davis and then again at Southridge Way south will be even worse.

Another concern is getting emergency equipment past these circles. Both Davis and Southridge street are three way intersections not four way.

We are for saving the \$15,000 and using our already inplace traffic calming methods. Speed limit 30 mph.

Sincerely,

Gordon L. Erickson
Joyce P. Erickson

Charles Blosten

From: JOHN GABRIEL [jslcbgabriel@msn.com]

Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2010 2:50 PM

To: Charles Blosten

Subject: Windermere traffic circles

Charles,

I have just received your letter of March 5th regarding the planned traffic circles on Windermere. I am glad to see that Rachel received enough signatures on her petitions.

We are located at 1599 West Costilla Place, making it our backyard that the Davies Ave. traffic circle would back up to. We have had trouble in the past with accidents at Windermere and Davies where cars careened into and through our 7' tall hedge. So I am wondering if there will be adequate concrete barriers on the outside edges of these traffic circles, so that a car not slowing down enough to make it through the circle does NOT inadvertently crash through our hedge and our fence. A fence is easy to replace but replacing a 30 year old hedge is not as easy and destroys our privacy from the street.

Could you check on this and let me know?

Thank you. I appreciate your attention to our street and it's traffic.

Laura Gabriel

Charles Blosten

From: windermerspeaks@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2010 10:58 AM
To: Charles Blosten
Subject: Fwd: Traffic circles on Windermere south of Ridge Rd.

-----Original Message-----

From: RICHARD GOOSSEN <gooseco@msn.com>
To: windermerspeaks@aol.com
Sent: Sat, Feb 20, 2010 10:05 am
Subject: Traffic circles on Windermere south of Ridge Rd.

Alice and I agree that this plan would certainly help the traffic situation on Windermere. We have had cars in our yard and our mail box knocked down many times. In fact I removed my mailbox and arranged for a postal box at the main PO just because of this problem. Count on us for support in this important matter.

Dick Goossen
7127 S. Windermere St.

Charles Blosten

From: windermerspeaks@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2010 10:59 AM
To: Charles Blosten
Subject: Fwd: Windermere Traffic

-----Original Message-----

From: RalphHarlow <ralphharlow@comcast.net>
To: windermerspeaks@aol.com; millerracheld@yahoo.com
Cc: Michele Busti <busti@theatrethings.com>
Sent: Mon, Feb 15, 2010 11:39 am
Subject: Windermere Traffic

Dear Ms Miller,

The traffic on Windermere St has not changed much in the 25 years that I have lived here.

In fact a great deal of money was spent, regrading the street in order to make it easier to climb during snowy conditions.

I would suggest that if you do not like traffic, move out of the city.
PLEASE leave Windermere alone!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Ralph Harlow
1570 W Briarwood AV

Charles Blosten

From: windermerespeaks@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2010 10:59 AM
To: Charles Blosten
Subject: Fwd: NO roundabout

-----Original Message-----

From: lrhstar@netscape.net
To: windermerespeaks@aol.com
Sent: Mon, Feb 15, 2010 9:49 am
Subject: NO roundabout

I am 100% against roundabouts along Windermere, south of Ridge Road. I have lived on Davies Place over 20 years and do not want a roundabout causing further congestion. Windermere is a necessary avenue for Heritage High. A roundabout will not decrease traffic. It will only cause more congestion and pollution, interfere in ease of bus and bicycle access, and aggravate me.

Sincerely,
Lynn Hornick

Charles Blosten

From: windermerspeaks@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2010 10:57 AM
To: Charles Blosten
Subject: Fwd: proposed traffic circles

-----Original Message-----

From: j.n. mckeever <jnmckeever@msn.com>
To: windermerspeaks@aol.com
Sent: Thu, Feb 18, 2010 2:41 pm
Subject: RE: proposed traffic circles

Rachel,
Thank you for the information.

We will consider the proposal, but our initial reaction is that we would be opposed. We are out and about on Windermere every day --walking, running, cycling and driving. I agree that speeding cars are a problem, but I do not view the problem as one that requires the installation of two traffic circles.

What are the geographic boundaries of the petition area? This proposal would impact a large group of homeowners. For example, all of the residents of Shadycroft Lane would be affected (not simply those whose lots border Windermere, as ours does). The definition of the petition area seems to be quite limited.

Thank you,
Libby McKeever

To: jnmckeever@msn.com
Subject: Re: proposed traffic circles
Date: Wed, 17 Feb 2010 23:40:51 -0500
From: windermerspeaks@aol.com

Libby-
Thank you for your response. The city has been involved in the letter and the aspects it covers from day one. I went to the City back in November and expressed a safety concern around the traffic. They started by having the police spend time patrolling Windermere more (which is only a tempary solution). The police also validated the speeding issue on Windermere.

I need to note that the letter incorrectly stated that the second circle would be placed at Davies Place where it would actually be placed at Davies Ave.

The city then did a two day traffic analysis on a school day with clear streets. (the had a 3rd party place a vehich count and speed analysis device on Windermere south of Ridge Road) That analysis validated the concerns... There was 3600+ traveling Windermere south of Ridge road on both of the days they did the analysis. This analysis also showed the signifant speeding problem which was representative of the 3600+ cars both days.

Currently the traffic group within the city has been involved and the problem and petition will be presented to the cty council in the upcoming weeks.

Your house is actually located just outside of the petition line. We spanned the petition from Ridge Road to basically to the north side of you and spoke with the homeowners who had a property which touched Windermere. Out of those people we had 2 people say no and one other person was not notified but that was after multiple attempts.

The city requires 75% + support of the measure for this to go before city council.

Can you please advise your thoughts on this measure?

Thanks,
Rachel Miller

-----Original Message-----

From: j.n. mckeever <jnmckeever@msn.com>

To: windermereSpeaks@aol.com

Sent: Wed, Feb 17, 2010 1:01 pm

Subject: proposed traffic circles

Ms. Miller,

My family lives at 802 Shadycroft Lane, at the corner of Windermere and Shadycroft Lane. We received your letter and have several questions:

- (1) What is the source of your statement that the traffic on Windermere averages 3600 cars per day?
- (2) What is the source of your statement that 95% of the Windermere neighbors support the proposal? Your letter was our first notice of it.
- (3) Have there been any communications with the City of Littleton about this issue? If so, which City officials are involved in the planning process?
- (4) What is the status of the proposal in the municipal planning process? Is the proposal on the agenda of any City Council meeting?

Thank you,

Libby McKeever

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Charles Blosten

From: Miller, Rachel [RMiller@usa.norgren.com]

Sent: Sunday, February 21, 2010 3:44 PM

To: Charles Blosten

Subject: 7100 S Windermere and Update

Charlie-

I spent time today speaking with the neighbors I had already spoken to regarding the petition and I also spoke with the woman at 7100 S Windermere. For starters, I did clarify to everyone I spoke to that the letter had a mistake regarding Davies PL and AV. All people I spoke with understood the mistake and knew they had signed in agreement for the 2nd circle to be located at Davies AV.

The neighbors I spoke with had all been paid a visit by the lady at 7100. Not one person said she had any reasons to get them to change their mind nor did they spend much time with her. I was told multiple times that she has evidence that the circles will drastically lower property value and cause terrible accidents. From the sounds of what I heard from the supporting neighbors was that she was pulling anything out of the air she could to hopefully get them to change their mind.

I then stopped by 7100 and spoke for 45 minutes with the lady who lives there and paid you and everyone a visit. Initially she was extremely rude and said she had no interest in speaking with me. She also used the line that she had no interest in what I said her only interest was gaining support against me.

I can honestly tell you from spending the time I did with this lady that she has no valid reasons against the traffic circles. She even admitted this, her only reason was that she hates them. She used that line probably more than 10 times. I also can tell she is the type of person who will be vocal and gain support from people off of Windermere just to make as much noise as she possibly can. She also multiple times spoke about how she would contact the city council members and make sure they all know how many voters they would lose by being in support of my petition.

That being said, we must continue forward asap. As anyone knows 100% support of anything is almost impossible which is why the City of Littleton only requires 75% support of those not directly affected by the traffic circle. You knew as well as I did that someone would not support the measures and proposed solution. That is fine but we have the required support is there. We even went beyond what others did for the traffic circles on their street and doing showed that people not living in a property touching Windermere for the most part were opposed but the traffic circles was minor and truly showed now valid reasoning for their opposition.

Please ensure we are on the City Council agenda for March 2nd. If we allow the lady at 7100 time to gather support from anyone she can find that is not fair to everyone in support and she will gather her support with measures such as stating facts that don't exist (like degrading property values and causing terrible accidents). She will be using scare tactics which if you ask enough people she will gain support by doing so.

Again, I am out of town through Wednesday but I feel it is imperative to go ahead with the council meeting on the 2nd. I have no concerns over our families safety this lady wouldn't do anything she will just make as much noise as possible.

I also clarified to her that I had been to her house 3 times regarding the petition and the 3rd time I was asked abruptly to leave which is why she didn't know about the petition before she received the letter.

I also forwarded all of the emails I have received. This will show that in asking people not living on Windermere has not raised any red flags and out of the 212+ letters sent out we have only received less than 10% of people responding.

I hope you take this email to show that I am no longer concerned about our safety and because of that I do feel we need to push through and get this in front of City Council asap!

Thanks,

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Charles Blosten

From: Jim Woods
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2010 9:31 AM
To: Charles Blosten
Subject: FW: Windermere Traffic Proposed Solution

Charlie, what am I supposed to do with this? If you want to go ahead on March 2, I really don't care. I just gave my two cents worth.

From: Rachel Miller [mailto:millerracheld@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2010 7:24 PM
To: Jim Woods
Subject: Windermere Traffic Proposed Solution

Mr Woods,

I am Rachel Miller, I live on Windermere south of Ridge Road and am the person who has been heading the traffic calming petition and solution around the neighborhood. I have been working closely with Charlie!

As my neighbors validated through their support of the petition I circulated, there is a safety problem on Windermere centered around speeding issues. The traffic circles the city has installed on Elati and other locations only took 75% support of people with property directly touching the street in which the circles were placed and 100% support of those directly affected by the installation.

I have 100% support of people directly affected and more than 85% support of people with property touching Windermere. This is more support than necessary. The city requires only 75% support because 100% of everyone would be impossible which is what we are seeing with the one vocal lady located at 7100 S Windermere.

I have spent a lot of time with her and she has no valid reasoning behind not supporting the traffic circles other than the fact she does not like them. Any information or support for her opposition is what I would consider tainted or unvalidated due to the type of person she is and the way in which she is going about gaining support.

For the installation of the circles on Windermere we went above and beyond what was necessary for other circles to be installed and now I am being told even more will need to be done prior to this going before city council.

I don't feel another letter is necessary to the neighborhood is necessary in any way. People who don't live on Windermere in most cases are the reason for the safety concern and they don't live and breath what we see everyday.

Out of 212 letters sent out to the neighborhood only 9-10 people took the time to respond which shows that the impact of installation really isn't much of a concern to people who travel Windermere. It is not necessary to send out an additional letter to everyone stating the date in which the city council will hear about the proposed solution. Any person who has asked or that does ask I will tell them.

Also, allowing additional time for the lady at 7100 to get organized is unfair and a

misrepresentation to the people who have the actual say so regarding these traffic circles.

I hope my concerns and position are clear. I appreciate your time and look forward to continuing to move this forward asap!

Thanks,
Rachel Miller

Charles Blosten

From: Rachel Miller [millerracheld@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2010 7:36 PM
To: Doug Clark - CC; Peggy Cole; Bruce Stahlman - CC; James Taylor - CC; Joseph Trujillo - CC; pjernanec@aol.com; Debbie Brinkman
Cc: Charles Blosten
Subject: Proposed Traffic Calming Measures on Windermere

Good Evening,

I am Rachel Miller a Littleton Resident. I have been working closely with Charlie Bolsten in regards to the safety surrounding the traffic on Windermere south of Ridge Road.

Through the performed traffic analysis we have the validation that there is a speeding and safety problem on Windermere due to the volume of traffic speeding. My neighbors who reside in a property touching Windermere concur with the issue and the proposed traffic calming solution. We have 100% support of people with property directly affected by the installation and 85+% support of everyone else with property on Windermere.

I wanted to take a minute to quickly introduce myself and offer to provide you any insight or additional information regarding this issue before it comes before all of you in a city council meeting in the next couple of weeks.

I really appreciate what each of you do in supporting Littleton. Please let me know if there is any additional information you would like or if you would like to set up a time for us to speak about the proposal and the concerns which caused me to bring so much attention to the issue.

My contact information is listed below...

Rachel Miller
rmiller@usa.norgren.com
720-891-5692

Charles Blosten

From: windermerespeaks@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2010 11:01 AM
To: Charles Blosten
Subject: Fwd: Traffic Circles

-----Original Message-----

From: Jerry Ostermiller <jostermiller@earthlink.net>
To: windermerespeaks@aol.com
Sent: Tue, Feb 16, 2010 4:43 pm
Subject: Traffic Circles

Dear Rachel,

We have lived on Front Range Road for 32 years and we travel Windermere multiple times daily. We are adamantly opposed to the installation of traffic circles. We do not believe that the problem is as severe as your letter implies - neither of us has ever seen a mailbox down or a car in someone's yard on Windermere. We maintain that the majority of traffic on the street is driving within the law and is not a hazard to homes or pedestrians. This is a typical over-reaction to a minor issue that could easily be handled with enforcement of existing laws. Your solution will create a major inconvenience to everyone who lives in this area.

Very truly yours,

Jerry & Patsy Ostermiller
815 Front Range Road
Littleton, CO 80120

Charles Blosten

From: windermerespeaks@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2010 11:00 AM
To: Charles Blosten
Subject: Fwd: from Prince of Peace church

-----Original Message-----

From: Jeff Neuman-Lee <jeffneumanleepop@gmail.com>
To: windermerespeaks@aol.com; millerracheld@yahoo.com; Barb Keinholz aol <Barbkien@aol.com>
Sent: Mon, Feb 15, 2010 3:15 pm
Subject: from Prince of Peace church

Rachel,

I am glad for your concern about speeding on Windermere. As you may know, we at Prince of Peace have been vandalized by motorists hitting our lawn.

So, personally, I support the move to slow traffic down on Windermere.

Some how we didn't get your letter dated February 2 until recently, so it won't be until March 9th that our board meets where we might have official opinion rendered. I hope this will work with your time-lines. If you need action sooner, please let me know and we may be able to get that done.

blessings

jeff neuman-lee, Ministry Coordinator, Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren

303 589 3882
2338 Franklin, Denver Colorado 80205

From: Sakdol <sakdol@comcast.net>

To: windermerspeaks@aol.com

Subject: Windermere Traffic Circles

Date: Tue, Feb 16, 2010 12:14 pm

Rachel, it was nice meeting you and thank you for taking this on. I would like to see some sort of traffic calming device installed on Windermere. However, I really hate traffic circles. I frequent one on Caley daily going to work. It pushes the car to the right where another car may be sitting at the side street waiting to turn, or pedestrian crossing the side street. If you are on Davies wanting to take a left you will first go right to go around the circle. A lot of cars will just break the law and turn left avoiding going around the circle. My wife and I run quite often. If we are running on the sidewalk at Davies it will push north bound cars toward the sidewalk where pedestrians frequent. Another thing I've noticed on Caley is some cars just don't slow down. I think it becomes a game of how fast can I go around this obstacle. I say this with a smile because this is a street full of high schools kids driving.

I would rather have "Build Outs" into the road to make it narrower which slows traffic. I would like to see that at Lee Gulch and several other locations along Windermere. Additionally, I would like to see build outs on every road Lee Gulch trail crosses. I know build outs won't slow traffic as much as traffic circles but I do think it would help without pushing cars toward the sidewalk or crosswalk.

Again, I would rather have build outs than circles but would be happy with speed humps or deep gutters at several locations.

If the City is going to do traffic circles at Davies and Southridge, that won't help those that live south of Davies. The other solutions might be less costly where we could have them all the way from Ridge Road to Heritage High School.

Again, thank you for taking the time to do this.

Corbin & Donna Sakdol
7019 S. Windermere St.

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Windermere traffic circles

From: Judith Steadman <jdsteadman@mindspring.com>
To: millerracheld@yahoo.com
Cc: Leda <brosene5166@aol.com>, David <downes@mac.com>, Michele <busti@theatrethings.com>, Jack <johnbernardhayes@yahoo.com>, Roband Gerda <gertrob@msn.com>, Bob <RLMAJohnson@MSN.com>
Subject: Windermere traffic circles
Date: Feb 25, 2010 1:55 PM

Hello Rachel,

I am very opposed to traffic circles on Windermere, because:

- 1) They are tacky looking dirt and sand collectors, requiring 8 ugly signs each, and degrade because of wheels being run over them.
- 2) They impede efficient snow clearing in winter, and in all seasons create additional pollution from emission of autos first braking then accelerating after clearing the circles. And, within the parameters you suggest, there is a mandatory stop for possible hikers and bikers crossing Windermere at the Lee Gulch Trail - more auto emission pollution.
- 3) There are approximately 20 homes with Windermere addresses from Rangeview to Ridge, not all of which are occupied, and perhaps some of which are renter and non-taxpayer occupied. Any realistic accounting of support for traffic circles should be one vote per owner-occupied home. By that more representative formula, "95%" would result in a very small number.
- 4) Comparison should be made with the two tacky looking circles on Gallop, not Elati's circle (which is also tacky looking).
- 5) Having lived here on Briarwood since 1981 and been a frequent walker on Windermere, I simply cannot believe that 3600 cars per day (or were you extrapolating 2 or 3 passengers per car?) drive Windermere, even on school days which comprise less than half the year. Nor do I believe there is a significant high speed problem on Windermere.
- 6) Part of the charm which prompts newcomers to buy homes in this neighborhood is its natural, small town, somewhat rural character. It is disconcerting that they immediately seek to try to amend and "citify" it.
- 7) I, personally, together with my next door neighbor, had our mailboxes mowed down - posts left in splinters - by a driver a few years ago. Also, in years past, I've had tire tracks indented in a wide swath through my front yard. It never occurred to me to seek a public solution, spending precious taxpayer dollars and inconvenience, to assuage personal feelings of violation.

Judith Steadman
1488 West Briarwood Avenue

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Charles Blosten

From: windermerspeaks@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2010 11:00 AM
To: Charles Blosten
Subject: Fwd: Proposed Traffic Circle

-----Original Message-----

From: Linda Spohn-Grund <linda.spohn.grund@estreet.com>
To: windermerspeaks@aol.com
Sent: Tue, Feb 16, 2010 12:03 pm
Subject: Proposed Traffic Circle

NO. NO. NO. These stupid traffic circles only impede normal, law abiding traffic and make life very difficult for school buses. Wider than normal vehicles, such as delivery trucks or charity pick-up vehicles can't even use the streets on which these circles exist. In heavy snow, it's so easy not to see the circular curb and scrape your fender. These circles will only serve to divert more traffic to Prince, Rangeview and the only other streets out of the Heritage traffic quagmire. They don't want more traffic either.

NO. NO. NO. Why would you want to penalize the people who live in the Windermere area?

You measured traffic speed on Windemere at the exact spot where vehicles are coming downhill and gravity creates the fastest speed. Of course, cars will pick up speed when going down a steep hill. I would bet that traffic measured on any busy street averages 20% above the listed speed. If you look for a problem, you'll find it. How many neighbors have actually complained about problems vs. how many would be inconvenienced by the circles?

As you know, any traffic problem was created by putting Heritage in the middle of a residential area where it should never have been built. Make the kids park further away and make them walk. Further inconveniencing the people who live nearby is not a solution to the real problem.

Linda Grund
303 730-6078

1507 W Meadowbrook Rd

Charles Blosten

From: pjcernanec@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2010 9:17 PM
To: rvd36@msn.com
Cc: Bruce Stahlman - CC; Charles Blosten; millerracheld@yahoo.com
Subject: Re: Objection to suggested Windermere traffic circles
Mr. and Mrs. Vandekoppel,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts, and information.

I have forwarded your email to Charlie Blosten (Director of Public Services), who is aware of the proposal for the traffic circles on Windemere. (A brief update was included in his Departmental Report for January.)

When I was at the City Center last week for another meeting, Charlie mentioned Rachael Miller's efforts. The consideration has yet to be "formally" communicated to the Council. My understanding from Charlie is that the current effort is focused on gathering signatures to bring this matter for the City Council to consider for approval and funding. I would expect some level of staff work/analysis and a Public Hearing or discussion before approval and funding moves to final consideration by the Council.

(In addition to specific Public Hearing items, any citizen can address the Council at our regular meetings. The suggestion is that comments be limited to four minutes or less.)

At the District III Town Hall session this past Saturday, I received mixed comments regarding the proposal. (Some were not previously aware of the proposal.)

Later,

Phil

Phil Cernanec
Littleton City Council, District III
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-----Original Message-----

From: R W VANDEKOPPEL <rvdk36@msn.com>
To: millerracheld@yahoo.com; bruce.stahlman@gmail.com; pjcernanec@aol.com
Cc: rvd36@msn.com
Sent: Mon, Feb 15, 2010 4:59 pm
Subject: Objection to suggested Windermere traffic circles

Reference: Letter dated 2 February 2010 by Rachael Miller concerning Windermere traffic issues and the proposed solution of traffic circles.

1. We are long-time residents on West Davies Place and regularly travel both north and south on Windermere. We are not aware of a significant problem of excessive speeding along Windermere. We believe that the practices of occasional Littleton Police presence and placement of the temporary speed control sign are adequate traffic control measures.
2. We believe that if more control of traffic speed on Windermere is actually needed, it could be provided quite effectively by making the intersection of Davies Avenue (at the bottom of Windermere) a three-way stop. The stop signs would avoid the potential

problems with traffic circles that are identified below and would be a much lower cost solution than traffic circles, both initially and for subsequent maintenance. That placement of stop signs on Windermere also would be beneficial to pedestrian traffic crossing Windermere on Lee Gulch Trail just north of that intersection.

3. We view the type of traffic circles that the city has installed on Elati to be unacceptable for Windermere. Here is why:

- a. A traffic circle at either of the intersections of Southridge onto Windermere would greatly increase the problems to northbound traffic that the hill presents on snowy days. The steep hill even without a traffic circle restriction often is difficult to negotiate when the street is snowpacked or icy.
- b. Windermere is a major street designated for city snow removal which would be made more difficult by the presence of the proposed traffic circles. Also, the residents who do their own snow removal with snow plows on West Davies Place and on Southridge would have no choice but to clog their traffic circles with the packed snow that they remove from their streets.
- c. Negotiating traffic circles can be very difficult for a driver not familiar with them, particularly a driver making a left turn into an intersecting street. Several times I have witnessed near rear-end collisions on Elati caused by an unfamiliar driver abruptly braking when nearing a traffic circle. Traffic circles are such a rarity in this region that drivers don't develop the needed familiarity, and therefore they should be avoided.

4. If consideration of traffic circles on Windermere as proposed in the letter is brought to City Council, we will certainly be among those present who will urge that a stop sign at Davies Avenue be the selected measure, and we will discuss this alternative with our City Council representatives beforehand. We favor the much less expensive and far better approach of a stop sign at Davies Avenue if such a control measure is even needed.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard VandeKoppel
1392 West Davies Place
Littleton, Colorado 80102

Charles Blosten

From: windermerspeaks@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2010 10:58 AM
To: Charles Blosten
Subject: Fwd: Windermere Traffic Circles South of Ridge Rd.

-----Original Message-----

From: ChristineWells@aol.com
To: windermerspeaks@aol.com
Sent: Fri, Feb 19, 2010 6:21 pm
Subject: Windermere Traffic Circles South of Ridge Rd.

Hello Folks:

As a new property owner in the area, I am not convinced that there is a tremendous problem here. Obviously, the proximity to a high school and youthful drivers suggests that there could be one.

I, personally, would not like to see 15 MPH traffic circles as on Elati. These circles not only control speed to well below the limit. They are a nuisance to navigate. As a law abiding citizen, I do not want to be inconvenienced or punished because someone else is driving fast. If traffic circles can be designed to accommodate traffic driving at the speed limit, but force those driving 5 MPH or more above the limit to reduce speed, then that solution is one matter. Forcing speeds well below the limit is not something I would want.

Paul Wells

Charles Blosten

From: jim wozniak [jwoz33@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2010 10:29 AM
To: Rachel Miller
Cc: Charles Blosten; Michele Busti; LEDA ABRAMS
Subject: Windermere Traffic Circles

Importance: High

Hi Rachel!

First of all welcome to our neighborhood and for your interest in preserving the safety for all of us who live on or near Windermere. When you stopped by my home in early February I was left with the impression that "here is a smart young woman with a political future." Then last Friday I received and read your 2/2/10 letter re: traffic circles.

I distinctly remember both of us laughing and suggesting that Draconian traffic circles should be considered as a last resort. What happened? Had I known that this was apparently your first choice I would not have signed your petition...so please adjust your 95% support rating downward for this measure and remove my name from the petition.

I have lived and worked from my home which backs up to Windermere since 1984. Sure, the students at Heritage H.S., feeling their oats, push the limit on Windermere during school days, but your letter didn't mention that the majority of the ticketed drivers were folks like you and me and our neighbors. Adults can usually be controlled with punitive measures; adolescents, due to a lack of parental control (and their parents probably paying their traffic tickets) usually cannot.

Not a week goes by without the sirens of emergency vehicles piercing the tranquil silence of our neighborhood as they travel down Windermere. When we receive snowfall, as we did last weekend, traveling up the hill towards Ridge Road in a rear wheel drive car, truck or school bus can become a thrill ride that should be relegated to Disneyland. Driving south is not much better without copious amounts of sand, gravel and mag-chloride. Have there been studies regarding adequate clearance for emergency vehicles, snow plows and school busses at relatively narrow "T" bone intersections? The placement of a traffic circle at Southridge Way is without a doubt onerous for all of us.

I am certain that the City of Littleton during extreme economic times will consider all factors before making a decision. Because adults are doing most of the speeding according to the results of the study you mentioned to me, my vote is for additional policing and the ticketing of the speeding offenders. Adults will learn to slow down when you lighten their wallets...it's a win win solution for neighborhood safety and the City of Littleton coffers.

jim wozniak
jwoz33@earthlink.net
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Charles Blosten

From: jim wozniak [jwoz33@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2010 4:10 PM
To: Rachel Miller
Cc: Charles Blosten; Michele Busti; LEDA ABRAMS
Subject: FW: Re: Windermere Traffic Circles
Importance: High

Rachel, I'm taking the liberty of forwarding your reply to me to the individuals that received a copy of my e-mail this morning. When I moved to this area 25+ years ago one of the first cautionary instructions I received from residents was to absolutely obey the speed limits enforced by the Greenwood Village Police Department on Logan Road just north of Orchard Road between University Blvd. and Holly Street.

I drove that road recently. There are still no speed humps or traffic circles...only one stop sign that was probably installed to appease a homeowner with issues...and a couple of mild water mitigation dips or depressions which probably don't transfer much water but do help to reduce the speed of traffic.

In our Universe every action has an equal and opposite reaction. I'm still voting that the Littleton Police Dept. can equal or exceed the traffic control efforts of G.V.P.D. through aggressive ticketing without resorting to a traffic circle(s) solution that is an impediment to all law abiding drivers and emergency vehicles, school busses et al.

The money that would be spent on these "circles" could help to keep a teacher employed or for another memorial for one our fallen male or female soldiers. Please remove my name from the petition if this is the only choice.

jim wozniak
jwoz33@earthlink.net
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----- Original Message -----

From: Rachel Miller
To: jwoz33@earthlink.net
Sent: 2/23/2010 10:43:25 AM
Subject: Re: Windermere Traffic Circles

Jim-

Thank you for your reply. The city is adjusting their police presence upward to help with the speeding and safety issue. The city is in support of this but feels that this is not a permanent solution. Because there is a safety issue on Windermere the city feels a permanent solution is absolutely necessary.

The options discussed were traffic circles, speed humps and stop signs. The speed humps are not an option because of the # of cars traveling Windermere on an average day and because of the delay caused to emergency vehicles. The city also has valuable data showing that speed humps in most locations do very little to slow down the majority of traffic.

Stop signs are not an option because they are only used to control volumes of traffic

intersecting with a street. They are never used to control speed.

The last option was traffic circles. The city has used these on multiple locations in Littleton with significant success. The traffic has slowed down and the safety the circles provide has been successful.

Again I appreciate your email and apologize if I miss informed you regarding the solution. The city has considered all options they can consider for a street like Windermere and the only permanent option they will put before city council is the traffic circles.

After knowing the options they have considered and the city's thoughts please let me know if you would still like for me to remove you from the support on the petition.

Thanks,
Rachel Miller

--- On Tue, 2/23/10, jim wozniak <jwoz33@earthlink.net> wrote:

From: jim wozniak <jwoz33@earthlink.net>
Subject: Windermere Traffic Circles
To: "Rachel Miller" <millerracheld@yahoo.com>
Cc: "Charlie Blosten" <cblosten@littletongov.org>, "Michele Busti" <busti@theatrethings.com>, "LEDA ABRAMS" <labrams@arrow.com>
Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2010, 5:28 PM

Hi Rachel!

First of all welcome to our neighborhood and for your interest in preserving the safety for all of us who live on or near Windermere. When you stopped by my home in early February I was left with the impression that "here is a smart young woman with a political future." Then last Friday I received and read your 2/2/10 letter re: traffic circles.

I distinctly remember both of us laughing and suggesting that Draconian traffic circles should be considered as a last resort. What happened? Had I known that this was apparently your first choice I would not have signed your petition...so please adjust your 95% support rating downward for this measure and remove my name from the petition.

I have lived and worked from my home which backs up to Windermere since 1984. Sure, the students at Heritage H.S., feeling their oats, push the limit on Windermere during school days, but your letter didn't mention that the majority of the ticketed drivers were folks like you and me and our neighbors. Adults can usually be controlled with punitive measures; adolescents, due to a lack of parental control (and their parents probably paying their traffic tickets) usually cannot.

Not a week goes by without the sirens of emergency vehicles piercing the tranquil silence of our neighborhood as they travel down Windermere. When we

receive snowfall, as we did last weekend, traveling up the hill towards Ridge Road in a rear wheel drive car, truck or school bus can become a thrill ride that should be relegated to Disneyland. Driving south is not much better without copious amounts of sand, gravel and mag-chloride. Have there been studies regarding adequate clearance for emergency vehicles, snow plows and school busses at relatively narrow "T" bone intersections? The placement of a traffic circle at Southridge Way is without a doubt onerous for all of us.

I am certain that the City of Littleton during extreme economic times will consider all factors before making a decision. Because adults are doing most of the speeding according to the results of the study you mentioned to me, my vote is for additional policing and the ticketing of the speeding offenders. Adults will learn to slow down when you lighten their wallets...it's a win win solution for neighborhood safety and the City of Littleton coffers.

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