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Subject: Improved Safety Measures, Paul Revere Road

Good afternoon,

Thank you for speaking with me by telephone this afternoon. I am calling to follow up regarding our earlier conversation.

The reason for my initial inquiries via the Request/ Answer Center was to pursue increased safety measures on Paul Revere Road, between Park Avenue and Massachusetts Avenue.

Myself and neighbors have long been concerned about speeding on our street. Clear signage delineates a 20mph speed limit; however, cars consistently travel far in excess of this limit. Traffic is heavy and frequent given use of our street as a cut through to avoid Massachusetts Avenue traffic.

Our concerns regarding our personal safety culminated last week when a vehicle collided in to numbers 101-103 Paul Revere Road. We are thankful that no one was hurt; however, the event was quite unsettling and a similar accident could easily happen again.

During the past five years, the number of children under the age of 5 living on our street has increased from one to nearly a dozen. Multiple individuals with disabilities live on our street and nearby, including my own mother-in-law, who lives across the street at the Paul Revere Road condominium complex and is confined to a wheelchair.

Multiple remediations could improve safety on our street. Today, I am writing to request the following:

- Increased police patrolling, in particular during high traffic times of the day
- Speed bumps, in particular near the section of road closet to the Paul Revere Road/ Massachusetts Avenue intersection (near Trader Joe's/ Walgreens)
- A painted crosswalk at the curb cut-outs (currently painted yellow) between numbers 101/103 Paul Revere Road and number 106 Paul Revere Road
- Increased signage encouraging drivers to drive slowly: One side of the road has a sign, the other does not
- A speed monitoring device

Another added intervention could be to ban cut-through traffic during morning and evening rush hour. Even just slowing down to turn in to my garage, I am honked at by hurried commuters at least once weekly. I have

also been passed, on the left, while turning in to my garage on multiple occasions by vehicles using our street as a cut-through who (apparently) do not want to wait while I turn to park my car. One such event nearly led to a head-on collision.

I greatly appreciate any and all help that the town can provide with this issue. I am eager and willing to help in any way I can. I look forward to working with you to make our town as safe as is possible.

I can be reached at any time at this email address, or at 617.365.5501.

Best, and many thanks in advance.

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