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My name is Laura Lantzy. I live at 433 Old Town Court. I have been a Crime Watch Neighborhood Block Captain for 16 years. I am here to ask you to give your attention to the problem of traffic flow in the Southwest Quadrant of Old Town. I am representing my neighbors of Old Town Station Owners' Association, Old Town South Owners' Association, and the Southwest Quadrant Civic Association, and their presidents, respectively, David Lantzy, Lynn Selander, and Vera Henderson. I have here a large photograph that was provided for us by VDOT. It shows the Route 1 South approach to the new ramp to the Beltway and the Woodrow Wilson Bridge.

Some of you might be wondering why this small area deserves special attention. If you would please for a moment consider this funnel from my kitchen. This funnel represents the traffic flow in the East End of Alexandria. This small spout at the end of the funnel is the area you see on this map. I don't have to tell you how a funnel works. If this small spout is blocked, the funnel will fill-up and overflow.

As you already know, the residents of the Southwest Quadrant are actively seeking remedies that will help reduce the increasing number of traffic violations and other hazards plaguing our residential streets, and aggravating the flow of traffic to the bridge. Cut through traffic is not just a safety issue. While drivers are racing down residential streets, speeding, running stop signs, and worse, they are aggressively pursuing a slot on the ramp ahead of other drivers who abide by laws and remain on the highway. Cut through traffic hinders the traffic flow for safe drivers.

I know our police traffic control officers work very hard to enforce our traffic laws. They have given us a lot of support in traffic enforcement. With the amount of traffic we have in this town, in my opinion, we don't have nearly enough traffic control officers. But, even in a perfect world, it would still be impractical to expect enforcement alone to solve this traffic flow problem.

With the help of the City Transportation staff, we have identified 12 options for mitigating the negative effects of traffic in our neighborhood. Some of these can be accomplished very quickly and at very low cost. Some are of a higher cost, and have longer lead times.

It will take us the next two months to formulate our recommendations and cost estimates. We are determined to work very hard to have a final plan to bring to the Traffic and Parking Board and to Council before the start of the new year. We already have two meetings scheduled with Transportation staff to take place before Thanksgiving.

I am here today on behalf of myself and my neighbors to ask you to put a place holder in the budget for traffic control initiatives in the Southwest Quadrant. I have confidence in the judgment of our good mayor and current members of council, and I believe that you will find our need to be a small project worthy of funding.

To: City of Alexandria
 From: Residents of Seminary Hill and environs
 Re: Speeding on Seminary Road

We believe that the speed and character of the traffic on Seminary between Howard and Quaker Lane is inappropriate for a neighborhood and inconsistent with the City strategic plan of creating walkable neighborhoods and a commuter-friendly biking environment. We would like the City to work with us to make our community more pedestrian, biking and family-friendly.

	NAME	ADDRESS	EMAIL ADDRESS	COMMENTS
1.	Christine Michaels Christie Michaels	3976 Seminary Rd	Christinemichaels@speakeasy.net	Seminary Rd is dangerous for kids, pedest. etc.
2.	Suzanne Ahern Suzanne Ahern	4000 Seminary Rd		See above
3.	Albert Ahern Albert Ahern	4000 Seminary Rd	Great Albert I	" "
4.	Bernadette Borges Bernadette Borges	1212 St. Stephens Rd.	burg100@ychoo.com	Unable to safely cross
5.	Charles Swisher Charles Swisher	4330 Peachtree Pl	chris.swisher@accenture.com	
6.	EABAKER, JR. EABAKER, JR.	4018 SEMINARY RD ALEX. VA 22304	tcpmd@evols.com	Stop Speeders!
7.	Jane P. Baker	"	"	"
8.	Gere Conroy	1440 N. BAILLARD ST		See above.
9.	Bill Roberts	1450 N. Baillard St.		Traffic way too fast on Seminary
10.	Jackie + David Mason	1602 King James		Too fast and lights are red frequently
11.	Hakeem Khwaja	1603 King James Place		

	NAME	ADDRESS	EMAIL ADDRESS	COMMENTS
12	Jeanne Clark	3269 S. Stafford Arl. VA 22204	j.clarke@ aoba-metro.org	Something must be done to reduce the speed on Sem. Large a pedestrians.
13	Murray Smith	1600 Chapel Hill Drive Alex. VA 22304		There is too much speeding and red light running on Seminary
14	Ben Wambly	1604 Chapel Hill Drive Alex Va 22304		
15	Michelle Michelle	3976 Seminary Rd	michmich@ episcopal.org	Dangerous for Bicycles + Pedestrians
16	John John	1605 Chapel Hill		
17	Grand Kaye	1605 Chapel Hill Dr		
18	Michelle DeWahar	1601 King James Place	Alex., VA. 22304	Excessive speed is dangerous
19	Lynn Montgomery	4145 Seminary Rd	Alex, VA 22304	a real problem!
20	Cynthia Evans	1211 Saint Stephens	Alex. VA 22304	Excessive speed (above 50-55 mph) + red light running is the NO
21	Laura Vetter	3908 Seminary Rd	Alex, VA 22304	1000 LEVO episcopal high shool.org
22	Bob Coulter	3816 Griffith PL	Alex. VA 22304	
23	John Sullivan	4300 IVANHOE PL.	ALEX VA 22304	
24	Richard Hays	4301 IVANHOE PLACE	ALEXANDRIA, VA 22304	SPEEDING & RED LIGHT RUNNING
25	Cindy Gunn	11 Ft. Williams	22304	
26	Joseph T. Gerard	1401 Knox Place Alex VA.		
27	W.C. Dickinson	805 QUAKER LN. ALEX VA	22302	OUTRAGEOUS SPEEDING - LIFE IN JEROPROY

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30	John Ahland	803' Main Place Alex. VA 22302	CDABLAED@ YAHOO.COM	
31	Lizian Patterson	1034 Woodside Place Alex, VA 22302		
32	Tom Kerester	1305 Kingston Alexandria, 22302		
33	MARY LEWIS HIX	3757 Seminary Rd Alex VA 22304		
34	Joe Fischer	512 N. Quaker Ln ALEX VA 22304	JFischer@ Comcast.net	
35	Ginny Hines Parry	317 Skyhill Rd Alex 22314	ghparry @fortebria.com	
36	Gail W. Ledwig	503 Cathedral Dr. Alex 22314	donaldgail@ yahoo.com	
37	Damon W. D. Weis	119 Ft. Williams Pleny Alex, VA 22304	DWDW@ Venable.com	
38	CHARLES + CYNTHIA EVANS	1211 ST STEPHENS ALEX VA 22304	CYNTHIA.EVANS@ fclps.edu evans.charles@ epa.gov	
39	ROBERT M LLAUGHAN SUZANNE	1123 St Stephens ALEX VA 22304		
40	Lawrence + Roberta Hoptg	115 St. Stephens Rd.		
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