

Traffic Plan for Highland Village Area

We need your support of the traffic plan!

Our property values, safety and the integrity of our neighborhood are at stake.

Our growing traffic problems have been documented by traffic counts of the hourly volume of traffic on each street. The drivers that cut through our neighborhood are oblivious to the parents that are strolling their babies, the children riding their bikes, as well as joggers and those who walk. We have had a number of pets killed and injured. It is only a matter of time before someone in our neighborhood experiences a fatal accident.

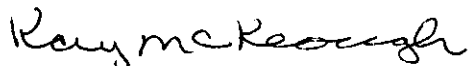
A Traffic Committee with your representatives and the City examined proposals to mitigate traffic. The Committee believes that this Plan will work and the City approved it. The Plan addresses the streets with the heaviest traffic patterns and avoids throwing this traffic onto another street. Suffolk and Drexel will remain two-ways except for the very last block of Westheimer. This will prevent traffic from cutting down Suffolk across our side streets to Wesleyan. The Plan will also prevent drivers from the new valet parking lot cutting through our streets. Likewise, cars will not be able to cut through south on Drexel. Customers from Smith & Wolensky, which will be popular and will draw a late night crowd, will not be able to exit down Drexel throughout all the neighborhoods.

By eliminating traffic turning into Suffolk and Drexel, we estimate we could eliminate one-half of this cut-through traffic. There will be some inconvenience in getting into the neighborhood, but it is worth the trade-off.

Emergency vehicles will be exempted so safety will not be compromised.

It's been a long struggle to get a traffic plan approved by the City, and now it is up to us. If it doesn't pass, we will not be able to devise another plan for at least two years, and traffic will only worsen.

Please turn in your cards this week in favor of the Plan. Thank for your support.



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