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Dear Committee,

Currently a new, though for the time being as yet only intermittent, resident of Eureka, I will be a fixed resident on F Street in the coming years. I bought an old little house on F whose previous owner, so neighbors and the realtor told me, had been run over by a car on her own street up by the Henderson shops. She was a long lived lady who had served as a Rosie the Riveter and later volunteered with various organizations and who'd lived happily in her house (her "warm nest" her daughter wrote me she'd called it) since the 1980s. To have lived such a long and full life that gave a lot to others only to have it ended as a result of injuries sustained by way of a dumb car on F Street is absurd and appalling.

I'll give you my impressions of the F, which are fresh and recent given my current status somewhere between visitor and resident: It is convenient to take the Herrick exit and have a straight shot to my house or the Henderson. There are plenty of road signs, some illuminated and showing actual speed close to schools, to make drivers pay attention to the speed limit, especially in the Rosewood area closer towards the Herrick exit. Those warnings wane or become less obvious as you get beyond the schools and towards the Henderson shopping area. Regardless, many vehicles speed. When I park in front of my house to unload, cars whizz past so close and fast I'm afraid I'll get my backside shaved off one of these days. The F is not narrow and it's also seductively straight so speed inadvertently happens because drivers can see where they want to go and want to get there faster. Impediments thus are a pedestrian's friend: stop signs, stop lights, but also greenery: street trees (a great idea) and what the British prefer: planted roundabouts. They work wonders and add to the attractiveness of what otherwise is a bit of a bland thoroughfare.

That said, I'm all for Measure Z funding for a stoplight at F and Oak. It's a baby step. More needs to be done to make F Street an appealing neighborhood street safe for school kids and all pedestrians, especially elderly ones, and if that means slowing down traffic and obstructing drivers' convenience so be it. People who want to get somewhere fast can take the freeway. But if they want to go through neighborhoods, the rules of the neighborhood should take precedence.

Thank you for your consideration, Hugo Rupp @ 3409 F Street