

Attention Oakley Neighbors!

If you haven't heard the good news yet here it is:

After YEARS of denied requests, the City of Asheville (COA) has finally changed its tune and has now agreed to install desperately needed traffic calming treatments along this neighborhood's most traveled corridor... Fairview Road!

As a result, simply enjoying a stroll, riding a bike, or even driving a vehicle will become a much less risky endeavor for our residents.

What's being proposed:

Bifurcated Speed Cushions.



If you are unfamiliar with these, you can find examples of them throughout Asheville, including on Stoner Ave. here in Oakley. These low-rise cushions allow firetrucks, with their wide wheelbase, to simply avoid them as they respond to emergencies. For everyone else, their gentle profile allow vehicles to simply glide right over with minimal hassle if their travel speed is in accordance with the posted speed limit of 25mph.

Where:

[The Fairview Road corridor](#) that is under consideration extends between the District Apartments and the Liberty St. (near Murphy-Oakley Park).

The Numbers Don't Lie:

Based on the results of a [COA traffic study](#) that measured speed, traffic volume, crash history, proximity of schools/community centers/parks, roadway geometry, neighborhood density, and sidewalk configuration, it was determined that Fairview Road met the criteria for the installation of Speed Cushions. Because Fairview Road is home to Firehouse #9, the use of Bifurcated Speed Cushions has been prescribed.

BUT ONLY IF:

60% of the residents who reside along the corridor must sign the city's petition to proceed with the project.

Next Steps:

The Oakley Neighborhood Association is seeking volunteers to coordinate and facilitate the petition process. Whether you live on Fairview Road or simply utilize Fairview Road as a pedestrian, biker, bus rider, or by vehicle we want your help to get the word out.

Fill out this form to get involved!