

## **Update on Traffic Calming**

Representatives of the CVCA Traffic Calming Committee, Sharon Guida, Julie Moyes, Eric Dymond, and Sandy Sparks, worked closely with representatives of Greater Remington Improvement Association (GRIA) and Old Goucher Community Association (OGCA) from February 2010 on traffic calming and pedestrian and bicycle safety issues impacting the community as a result of the proposed 25th Street Station mixed-use redevelopment of the 11-acre Anderson Automotive property and beyond. They attended monthly meetings with the City Department of Transportation to hash out all the issues, including those community concerns which preexisted the proposed project. In all, more than 100 items were discussed.

On September 13, 2010, CVCA, GRIA, and OGCA entered into an agreement with the DOT dated September 13, 2010, which covers a matrix of more than 54 specific items which the DOT agrees it will install, fix, or enhance in and around the project area. These two documents represent the status of the agreement between the 3 community organizations and the DOT.

Many preexisting community requests for traffic calming are on the list of 54 remediation solutions, such as removing rush hour traffic restrictions along Howard Street north of 26th Street. Signage will be greatly improved throughout the area to encourage traffic to flow easily to and from all corners of the central city and the Jones Falls Expressway and around rather than through existing residential areas.

The three cooperating neighborhood associations also worked with the DOT to compose a more extensive traffic calming and pedestrian safety plan for streets beyond the project area that have been problematic for many years, e.g., 28th and Sisson and 29th and Sisson Streets, diverting Jones Falls traffic away from Howard Street at North Avenue, etc.

CVCA, GRIA and OGCA will continue to work closely with the DOT toward the goal of promoting traffic calming, and pedestrian and bicycle safety, within the community for the benefit of all residents.

If you have any questions or comments about these issues please contact Sharon Guida, Chair of the CVCA Traffic Calming Committee, at [slg2700@cs.com](mailto:slg2700@cs.com).