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Ms. Sharon. Guida, Co-Chair CVCA Traffic Calming Committee
Charles Village Civic Association

Dear Mrs. Guida:

Thank you for inviting the Department of Transportation to participate in the February 1, 2013 walkthrough for the Charles Village Civic Association. Enclosed you will find responses to the concerns communicated. We will continue to provide you with updates as investigations are completed and projects progress.

Please contact me at (443) 984-4095 should you require additional information.

Respectfully,

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cc:

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Enclosure



**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RESPONSE TO
REQUESTS BY THE CHARLES VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION**

1. Walk/ Don't Walk Signs

The Traffic Division has reviewed the requested locations and found that the installation of pedestrian walk/don't walk signals is not possible without a full signal reconstruction because the current signal uses a two-pole diagonal span wire design which only has signal equipment on two of the four corners. Current funding levels do not allow us to reconstruct these signals at this time.

2. Crosswalks

The Traffic Division will create work orders for the renewal of crosswalk markings at the intersections listed. It is expected that the work would be completed during the summer.

3. One Way Signs

The Traffic Division has completed work orders for the replacement/installation of signage. All locations are expected to be completed by June 2013

4. Add Speed Limit Signs

The Traffic Division has completed work orders for the replacement/installation of signage. All locations are expected to be completed by June 2013

5. Speed Bumps/ Rumble Strips

The Traffic Division advises that these locations do not meet the criteria for the installation of speed bumps (traffic volumes too high, no speed bumps installed in alleys).

6. Children at Play signs on Barclay between 21st, and 30th streets, and the 300-400 blocks of Whitridge.

DOT no longer installs these types of signs.

7. University Parkway at Calvert, St. Paul and Charles- turning traffic is way too fast and does not yield for pedestrians.

The Traffic Division advises that this is an enforcement matter for BCPD.

8. Check signal timing of walk signs at 33rd and N. Charles where right hand turn green signal conflicts with pedestrian walk sign from NE corner to SE corner of 33rd St and Charles.

The Traffic Division advises that this signal is under construction and operations have been evaluated.

9. Make right lane traveling East on 28th and Howard a Right Hand Only Turn Lane

The Traffic Division advises that full time parking is currently permitted, pavement markings will be modified to decrease use as a travel lane.

10. Improve Pedestrian Safety

The Traffic Division will not install the in-street paddles at this location because there is an abundance of signing and pavement markings already in place and the signs will not last due to the narrow roadway and the turning movements at the intersections.

11. Install New Traffic Light or Other Control Device

The Traffic Division advises that these locations do not meet the warrants for signal installation.

12. Red Light Cameras

The Department of Transportation is currently transitioning vendors for the red light and speed camera program. The program is not adding new locations at this time.

The below concerns are pending investigation. The Department of Transportation will advise as additional updates become available.

- **Check timing and retime Traffic Lights**
- **Install Speed Century Cameras**
- **Missing Curb Cuts**
- **Removal of Parking Restrictions**

CHARLES VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
FOLLOWUP ON TRAFFIC CALMING ISSUES SITE VISIT WITH DOT on February 1, 2013:

ORIGINALLY REQUESTED TRAFFIC CALMING SOLUTIONS dated September 19, 2007 as prioritized by Public Meeting on August 14, 2007 and resident input received prior to and after said meeting. Items requested from September 19, 2007 to the present are marked "NEW":

WALK/DON'T WALK SIGNS:

DONE Intersection of 28th and Maryland (EXCEPT POLE IS LEANING AT SE CORNER) (NEW)

DONE Intersection of 28th and Calvert

___ Intersection of 27th and Maryland

___ Intersection of 27th and Charles

___ Intersection of 27th and St. Paul

DONE Intersection of Howard and Wyman Park Drive

DONE Intersection of 31st and St. Paul

DONE Intersection of 32nd and St. Paul

CROSSWALKS:

___ Intersection of 26th and Maryland (missing)

___ Intersection of 27th and Maryland (weak) (NEW)

___ Intersection of 28th and Maryland (eastside)

___ Intersection of 29th and Maryland (weak) (NEW)

___ Intersection of 29th and Howard (northside of intersection is missing) (NEW)

___ Intersection of 28th and Howard (weak) (NEW)

___ Intersection of 27th and Howard (NEW)

___ Intersection of 28th and Charles (weak) (NEW)

___ Intersection of 25th and St. Paul (NEW)

___ Intersections of 29th, 30th, 31st, and 32nd and Calvert (NEW)

CROSSWALKS (CONT'D)

_____ Intersections of 27th, 30th and 31st and Guilford (NEW)

DONE All crosswalks and lines from St. Paul Street to Greenmount along 28th Street

DONE The entire length of Calvert Street

REMOVE PARKING RESTRICTIONS:

DONE Along the south side of 28th Street during rush hour

DONE Along both sides of N. Howard Street during rush hour

_____ Reduce streetsweeping hours from 4 hours to 2 hours on Howard Street and St. Paul (NEW)

_____ Remove rush hour restriction sign at 100 block of W. 28th Street SE corner (NEW)

_____ Improve site lines at Mace Street (Alley) and NE 29th St, SW 28th St, and NE 27th St, and all corners of 26th Street by painting curbs red for no parking (NEW)

MISSING CURB CUTS:

_____ 23rd and Calvert (all 4 corners)(NEW)

_____ 28th and St. Paul, all corner (very dangerous intersection) (NEW)

_____ 30th and N. Charles, east corners (NEW)

_____ 26th and N. Charles, east corners (NEW)

_____ 30th and Hargrove Alley (NEW)

ONE WAY SIGNS:

_____ 28th and Calvert Streets (move signs from north side of pole to southside of pole so that they can be seen going north on Calvert at 28th street and going east on 28th) (NEW)

_____ 28th and Guilford Ave (add a two sided sign on NW pole and add a sign on the southside of the NE Pole) (NEW)

_____ 400 block of Whitridge (missing ONE WAY and DO NOT ENTER signs) (NEW)

_____ 300 block of 25 ½ St (damaged) (NEW)

_____ 300 block of E 26th St (damaged ONE WAY and missing DO NOT ENTER sign) (NEW)

ONE WAY SIGNS (CONT'D)

- _____ 300 block of E Lorraine (missing ONE WAY and DO NOT ENTER signs) (NEW)
- _____ 400 block of E Lorraine at Greenmount (missing ONE WAY and DO NOT ENTER signs (NEW)
- _____ 400 block of E 27th St (missing DO NOT ENTER sign) (NEW)
- _____ 28th and Greenmount (missing) (NEW)

IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN/DRIVER SAFETY:

- _____ Howard at 29th Street (REPAINT LINES SO THAT ONLY ONE LANE OF TRAFFIC HEADING SOUTH ON ART MUSEUM DRIVE CAN TURN RIGHT ONTO THE FAR RIGHT LANE OF 29TH STREET) (INSTALL DELAY ON LIGHTS FOR PEDESTRIANS CROSSING FROM NORTHWEST CORNER TO SOUTHWEST CORNER OF W. 29TH ST AND HOWARD)

WD Charles Street at Art Museum Drive

DONE Charles at 29th- both are terrible, high speed turning traffic has little regard for pedestrians

- _____ University Parkway @ Calvert, St. Paul and Charles- turning traffic is way too fast and does not yield for pedestrians
- _____ Fine drivers who pull into the crosswalk - some do it while pedestrians are crossing to be intimidating. (It's a \$500.00 fine in Manhattan)
- _____ Make right lane traveling east on 28th St at Howard a Right Hand Turn Only Lane (NEW)
- _____ Install traffic light at 26th and N. Charles or improve site lines for drivers traveling east on 26th Street at SW corner of 26th and Charles Street (NEW)
- _____ Install traffic light at 26th and St. Paul to slow traffic down when Margaret Brent school is in session (NEW)
- _____ Check timing of walk signs at 33rd and N. Charles where right hand turn green signal conflicts with pedestrian walk sign from NE corner to SE corner of 33rd St and Charles (NEW)
- _____ "Children at Play" signs on Barclay between 21st and 30th Streets, and the 300-400 blocks of Whitridge (NEW)
- _____ Improve dangerous sidewalks on the northside of the unit block of E. 29th Street (NEW)

IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN/DRIVER SAFETY (CONT'D)

___ “Stop for Pedestrian” signs placed on all sides of all traffic circles on Guilford Avenue.
(NEW)

ADD SPEED LIMIT SIGNS:

___ Between 2600 and 2900 blocks of N. Charles Street

___ Between 2600-2900 blocks of Maryland Avenue

___ Between 2600-2900 blocks of Howard Street

___ Between Howard and Charles on 26th Street

___ Between Howard and Charles on 27th Street

___ Between Howard and Greenmount on 28th Street

___ Between Howard and Greenmount on 29th Street

INSTALL SPEED SENTRY/CAMERA:

___ 28TH and Sisson

___ 28th and Howard

___ 28th and Maryland

___ 29th and Howard

___ Howard and Wyman Park Drive

___ 26th and St. Paul Streets (NEW)

CHECK TIMING AND RETIME TRAFFIC LIGHTS:

___ from 25 to 29th on N. Howard Street

___ from Jones Falls Expressway to Guilford Avenue on 28th Street

SPEED BUMPS/RUMBLE STRIPS:

 ? 28th Street at Jones Falls entrance ramps and at 28th and Sisson (Status of Thumbi plan)

WD 28th Street at Maryland and at Charles

 Mace Alley between 27th and 28th Streets

 Hargrove Alley between St. Paul and Calvert

 Lovegrove Alley 2900 block

WD Art Museum Drive in front of the Art Museum

WD 2600 block of St. Paul, just up from Margaret Brent Elementary

DONE Calvert Street at Union Memorial

WD Unit block of W. 27th Street between Charles and Maryland

DONE One speed bump placed in the middle of each block of Guilford from the 3200 block down through the 2500 block. (Many speed down Guilford Avenue to avoid the lights on 33rd & St. Paul).

RED LIGHT CAMERAS: (Opposed by 3 of 31) responses

 Intersection of Howard and 28th Streets to monitor compliance in both directions

 Intersection of Maryland and 28th Streets to monitor compliance in both directions

 Intersection of Charles and 28th Streets to monitor compliance in both directions

 Intersection of St. Paul and 28th Streets to monitor compliance in both directions

 Intersection of Calvert and 28th Streets to monitor compliance on both

 Intersection of Guilford and 28th Streets to monitor compliance on both

 Intersection of Howard and 29th Streets to monitor compliance on both

 Intersection of St. Paul and 29th Streets to monitor compliance on both

 Intersection of Calvert and 29th Streets to monitor compliance on both

INSTALL NEW TRAFFIC LIGHT OR OTHER TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE:

DONE Calvert and 32nd Streets

DONE St. Paul and 32nd Streets

_____ St. Paul and 26th Streets (NEW)

_____ Charles and 26th Streets (NEW)

TRUCKS OVER 3/4 TON RESTRICTION SIGNS:

_____ Enforce violations on 28th Street

_____ add on E 32nd and E 31st Streets between Barclay & Hargrove