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Garrard Boulevard/Dornan Drive Traffic Calming

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Dear Messrs. Rodgers and Bermudez,

On Wednesday, July 29, the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council met and discussed the dangerous traffic situation that continues on Garrard Boulevard and Dornan Drive. Several members described experiences with dangerous and speeding cars, such as cars speeding through stop signs without stopping or even slowing, racing through the tunnel, and speeding past Miller Knox Park, including auto 'sideshows' (witness the 'donuts' in the roadway). This activity occurs especially on weekend evenings and holiday weekends. Membership also discussed and is concerned about the serious accident that occurred on one side of the tunnel on Father's Day of this year near Keller Beach, which resulted in a bystander, a park user, losing both of his legs.

Membership voted to ask the city to consider and study mechanical speed controls on Garrard Boulevard and Dornan Drive. Neighbors have submitted work requests for this area in the past, and the PRNC wishes to support many of those requests. Previous requests have resulted in merely erecting signs before the tunnel entry that request 'Silence in the Tunnel' have been ineffectual. There has been past city pushback on installing speed humps. However, we feel that strategically placing these speed humps or their functional equivalent can be effective without impeding emergency vehicle access. For example, installing speed humps just prior to the southerly entrance direction to the tunnel (with earlier warning signage) and also prior to the northernly direction to the tunnel could be effective. Additional speed humps across from the Miller Knox Park would discourage drag racing and sideshows. We also ask that the city install calming measures at the intersections with East Richmond and Cutting, which might include tabled intersections, a roundabout, or other obstacles. These intersections are heavily used by pedestrians, many of them children from the Washington school and PRAM.

The PRNC enthusiastically looks forward to collaborating with the city to come up with ideas and implement solutions that will assure us all that we will not have a recurrence of the last horrific accident.

Thank you,
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