



City of Rochester, NY
Rochester City Council

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James Patrick Smith, Chief of Staff to Rochester City Council

August 24, 2023

Cathy Flanagan, Chairperson
50 W. Main Street
4110 City Place
Rochester, New York 14614

RE: Memorializing Resolution File #0003-23 ***Memorializing the Monroe County Traffic Safety Board to Support Traffic Calming Measures on Thurston Road***

Chairperson Flanagan:

Attached is Memorializing Resolution File Number 0003 of 2023, which was recently submitted to the Rochester City Council. This item is entitled:
Memorializing the Monroe County Traffic Safety Board to Support Traffic Calming Measures on Thurston Road

Please note: Memorializing Resolution File Number 0003 of 2023 was signed by all nine members of the Rochester City Council.

Respectfully Forwarded,

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James Patrick Smith
Chief of Staff

attachments



Memorializing Resolution of the City Council #0003-23
Sponsored by: LaShay D. Harris, Councilmember, South District

August 8, 2023

To The Honorable
Rochester City Council
30 Church Street
Rochester, New York 14614

RE: Memorializing Monroe County Traffic Board to Support Traffic Calming Measures on Thurston Road

Honorable Council Members:

I ask you to join me by signing your name on this Memorializing Transmittal to urge the Monroe County Traffic Board to expedite the approval of any and all traffic calming measures on Thurston Road, and, in doing so, to collectively **State and Resolve:**

WHEREAS, We, the undersigned members of the Rochester City Council urge the Monroe County Traffic Board to expedite the approval of any and all traffic calming measures on Thurston Road; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2023, six-year old Ryan “RJ” Grantham, Jr., crossed Thurston Road in the city of Rochester near Sawyer Street with his sister, on his way to get a snack from a nearby convenience store; and

WHEREAS, his mother watched from the hair salon across the street as her little boy was hit by oncoming traffic, and although he was rushed to the hospital, where medical professionals attempted life-saving measures, RJ ultimately passed away from his injuries; and

WHEREAS, no family should have to endure such a tragic loss of a loved one, especially a young child, who had so much life left to live; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Crash Map details the frequency of incidents involving pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles along this corridor; and

WHEREAS, over 2,000 community members signed a petition advocating for traffic calming measures to ensure the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists along Thurston Road; and

WHEREAS, the installation of a highly visible and well-lit pedestrian crossing sign at the intersection would alert drivers of the presence of pedestrians and emphasize the importance of exercising caution; and

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WHEREAS, the construction of a dedicated, raised walkway at the intersection of Thurston Road and Sawyer Street would provide a safe and separated pathway for pedestrians to cross the street, away from vehicular traffic; and

WHEREAS, the addition of speed display signs along the corridor would inform drivers of their speed and encourage the adherence of the posted speed limits, promoting responsible driving behavior and safety; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of such traffic calming measures would provide the necessary precautions to ensure our community members could safely enjoy their neighborhood;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, that the Rochester City Council calls on the Monroe County Traffic Board to expedite the exploration, approval, and implementation of the aforementioned traffic calming measures along the Thurston Road corridor.

Sincerely,

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LaShay D. Harris, Councilmember
South District Representative

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The following Councilmembers join their colleague in support of Memorializing Resolution 0003-23:



Miguel A. Meléndez, Jr., President
At-Large Representative



Mary Lupien, Vice President
East District Representative



Mitch Gruber, Councilmember
At-Large Representative



Willie Lightfoot, Councilmember
At-Large Representative



Stanley Martin, Councilmember
At-Large Representative



Mike Patterson, Councilmember
Northeast District Representative



Jose Peo, Councilmember
Northwest District Representative



Kim Smith, Councilmember
At-Large Representative