

My name is Kathryn McGhee, and I am a 23-year resident of 2714 Sir Bedivere Lane in Lewisville. I am writing to again voice my strong opposition to the concrete barriers and bump-outs recently installed as part of the King Arthur Boulevard traffic-calming project.

I fully support the goal of making our neighborhood roads safer. However, the current design is doing the opposite. It has created an immediate and hazardous driving environment for our community. This is not simply a matter of drivers needing time to adjust to a new traffic pattern—the infrastructure itself is causing vehicle damage.

To date, we are aware of more than 38 accidents and four near misses involving these new concrete structures. Residents, neighbors, and visitors have experienced flat tires, bent rims, and significant alignment damage after striking the barriers. We also know that one experienced bicyclist was seriously injured, suffering a broken collarbone after hitting a bump-out.

A traffic-safety project should not turn a public roadway into an obstacle course that routinely damages vehicles and puts residents, bicyclists, families, and visitors at risk.

Because of the high number of accidents and the clear hazards these barriers present to daily commuters and emergency vehicles, I want to be clear that I do not believe the City Council is at fault for the problems surrounding this project. However, I strongly believe that the engineering recommendations for this project were flawed and resulted in a design that is not working as intended.

I respectfully ask the City Council to immediately halt this phase of the project, remove the hazardous concrete curbs and bump-outs, and work directly with residents to identify alternative traffic-calming solutions that improve safety without creating new hazards or damaging vehicles.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I sincerely hope the City Council will listen to the experiences of the residents who use this roadway every day and take immediate action to protect our community's safety.

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