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RE: Melrose Avenue, between avenue Road and Elm Road - Evaluation for installation of traffic calming devices.

I am in receipt of the proposal for installation of traffic calming measures (speed humps) and provide the following comments.

Fire Services does not support the proposed speed hump installation as it may impact service delivery in the quickest possible manner. The restriction imposed by a speed hump have a much greater impact on larger fire vehicles than smaller passenger vehicles. Response time increase with every obstacle fire vehicles encounters on route to any emergency incident. Although the increase at each hump may only be seconds, the cumulative effect can be a significant amount of time.

It is imperative that the all individuals directly affected by this installation be made fully aware of the potential negative effects of the proposed calming device. Careful consideration must be given to accepting a delay of emergency response vehicles as a compromise to combat the risks presented by all vehicular traffic.

Fire Services recommends that non-physical measures (lower speed limits or prohibited turns) be evaluated before physical forms are considered. Desired results may be obtainable without imposing a physical obstruction to emergency vehicles.

Regards,

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