

Government of the District of Columbia

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Traffic Safety Assessment Questionnaire

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The purpose of this Questionnaire is for DDOT to gather information about a safety concern in order to perform a Traffic Safety Assessment (TSA). The intent of the TSA process is to ask residents to identify traffic safety concerns, whether along a roadway segment or at an intersection, and focus on the definition of the safety concern(s) rather than on a proposed solution or mitigation measure. Based on the nature of the request, DDOT will determine the type of assessment necessary to investigate the extent of the traffic safety concern.

To begin a Traffic Safety Assessment, please fill out the information below and answer any questions to the best of your ability. If necessary, please attach additional pages. In addition, please attach a letter of support from your ANC Commissioner, Councilmember's Office, or representative from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations.

Once completed, please submit this form to DDOT via the address provided below, or you can email the form to traffic.safety@dc.gov.

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Customer Service Clearinghouse
55 M Street SE – 7th Floor
Washington, DC 20003

If you have any questions, please contact DDOT at 202-673-6813. Thank you.

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Questions	
<p>Location of requested investigation: Define geographic boundaries as clearly as possible (400 block of A Street NE, intersection of 1st Street & B Street NW, etc.)</p> <p>Is this location near an existing construction project? If yes, please provide the name and location of the project and any construction-related concerns.</p>	<p>1300, 1400 and 1500 Blocks of East Capitol Street (NE/SE). Cross Streets include 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th Streets along East Capitol. Both directions -- East and Westbound.</p>
<p>Safety concerns: Provide a detailed description of the problems observed in the area of investigation (vehicle crashes, speeding, pedestrian safety, bicycle safety, unable to cross the street, hard to see cross-traffic, etc.)</p> <p>For intersection-related concerns, please include the type of intersection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 or 2-way STOP control ▪ All-way STOP control ▪ Traffic signal 	<p>Drivers of cars and commuter buses that turn eastbound on East Capitol from 13th Street SE speed through the long blocks heading east to make the green light at the traffic signals that cross 14th and 15th Streets. Drivers traveling westbound on East Capitol towards Lincoln Park zoom to make the green light at 13th street right by the park. Drivers speed to get through these green lights, that it's dangerous to open your car door and step out of your car. Also, there are many children playing on the sidewalks. I am very concerned for their safety due to these speeding drivers. It's very dangerous crossing any of these intersections to get to the park with your child or your dog.</p> <p>Drivers speed both Eastbound and Westbound on East Capitol all day long, but it's during rush hour going eastbound that it is the worst as drivers are seeking to avoid the backups on Independence.</p>
<p>Days and time when safety concerns are the worst: Such as weekday AM peak, weekday PM peak, overnight, weekends, etc.</p>	<p>The speeding drivers are the worst at rush hour between 3 and 7pm for outbound traffic. However it happens all day long. Low volume of cars also lead to higher speeds by drivers, particularly if the travel lane is very wide.</p>
<p>Are there existing traffic calming features on the block? This includes speed humps, rumble strips, etc.</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Describe neighborhood uses: Such as residential area, retail area, school zone, recreation center, community center, etc.</p>	<p>These blocks are mostly residential but there are two churches on East Capitol between 13th and 14th. There is also a school at the corner of 15th and East Capitol SE. The speeding impacts parishioners crossing the street to go to church. Also, the kids at the school have to cross the street to get their bus or walk home, and they have to navigate the zooming drivers.</p>

<p>Describe multi-modal facilities: Are there sidewalks? Bike facilities or trails? Nearby Metrorail station or Metrobus stop(s)?</p>	<p>There are sidewalks and unprotected bike lanes on East Capitol. So there is a lot of activity on this block. It is also a main pedestrian thoroughfare for seniors, adults and children walking and biking to Lincoln Park. It is dangerous to cross the streets with speeding drivers and getting to Lincoln Park can be particularly unsafe, especially as many drivers ignore the right only on green arrow signal. Suggest raised crosswalks and other traffic calming measures at places where drivers, walkers and bikers may conflict.</p>		
<p>Vehicle types: Is the concern about commuter traffic in cars? Is there a high volume of trucks, perhaps due to nearby construction? What about buses?</p>	<p>Concern is mostly commuter traffic that zooms through these aforementioned blocks well past the speed limit. We have several commuter bus companies from Maryland that use East Capitol as a route. These buses also speed and the whole block shakes when they cruise by at high speeds. There is also a fairly high volume of drivers of trucks of all sizes that act the same way that cars and bus drivers do.</p>		
<p>Have you previously contacted DDOT about your concerns? Please include name(s) and department(s) if possible. If you have already contacted 311, please provide the service request number.</p>	<p>No</p>		
<p>Any other information you would like to share?</p> <p>Speeding has been a problem of these blocks for years. As mentioned above, many people exceed the speed limit and they need to slow down. It is a very residential street with people of all ages. Elderly need to get in and out of cars, which is a scary thing to do with cars and commuter buses zooming past. Children play everyday on our sidewalks and run up and down the block. I shudder to think if one of them chases a ball into the street. Dogs are walked on these blocks and could be easily hurt or killed if they get loose. Also parents are pushing strollers, and small children are on bicycles on the sidewalk because it is unsafe for them to ride in the street. So any crossings can be dangerous with increased volume of cars and speed.</p> <p>Change in light timing at the intersections of East Capitol and 14th and 15th to slow down traffic would be an easy remedy and make the blocks safer. We would also welcome speed humps, bi-directional speed cameras, raised crosswalks and narrower vehicle travel lanes to force drivers to slow down.</p>			
<p>For DDOT Use Only</p>			
Date Received:		Service Request Number:	
Letter of Support Attached?	YES / NO		
Name:		SMD/Ward:	
Contact Info:			

