

Sampson, David

From: Sampson, David
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 10:50 AM
To: Shervin Riahi
Subject: RE: Speed mitigation request

Good morning Mr. Shervin,

Thank you for your email - Your concerns will be brought to the Commission's attention during New Business.

Respectfully,
Sgt. D. Sampson

From: Shervin Riahi <shervin@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 9:45 AM
To: Sampson, David <dsampson@police.watertown-ma.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Speed mitigation request

Good morning Officer Sampson,

I sent the below message to the traffic commission last month however I did not receive a response. I would like to make sure my message is received by the Commission and raised as new business for today's meeting, unfortunately I will not be able to attend in person. If I were to make just one request it would be for some speed reduction implementation; yesterday was one of the most aggressive experiences I've had with cars and trucks bombing down Bellevue and Bailey and other residents who were walking at the time expressed the same.

Thank you!

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From: **Shervin Riahi** <shervin@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Jan 10, 2024 at 9:49 AM
Subject: Speed mitigation request
To: <trafficcom@watertown-ma.gov>

Dear Traffic Commission,

I am a resident on Marcia Rd in Watertown and I write to complain about the road and sidewalk situation on Bellevue and Bailey roads.

I walk my dog two to three times a day and this corner in particular has become rather perilous. Due to construction and detours around there has been an increase in car traffic over the past few months, and cars generally take this curve on Bellevue and Bailey **very** fast. I have witnessed a few near-hits with traffic coming from both directions at high velocities, and I myself have almost been hit by speeding and

negligent drivers. I would like to ask the Traffic Commission to place speed mitigation solutions here, perhaps a speed bump at the start of the curve on both Bailey and Bellevue to force drivers to slow down.

This stretch of road also lacks pedestrian infrastructure on the side of the road with the golf course. I often have to cross the street to avoid other dogs or pedestrians, but there is no sidewalk there. Walking in the road has its hazards with speeding cars (as mentioned above), and walking on the side of the road is unstable and with rain or snow pretty much impossible. I would like to ask the Traffic Commission to build a sidewalk so that, like pretty much every other street in the neighborhood, there is a safe place to walk. As a pedestrian I take as many precautions as I can, but if I am approached by another person walking their dog who then elicits a reaction with my dog I have no choice but to either walk in the road around them or cross to the other side. Neither solution is safe in this location.

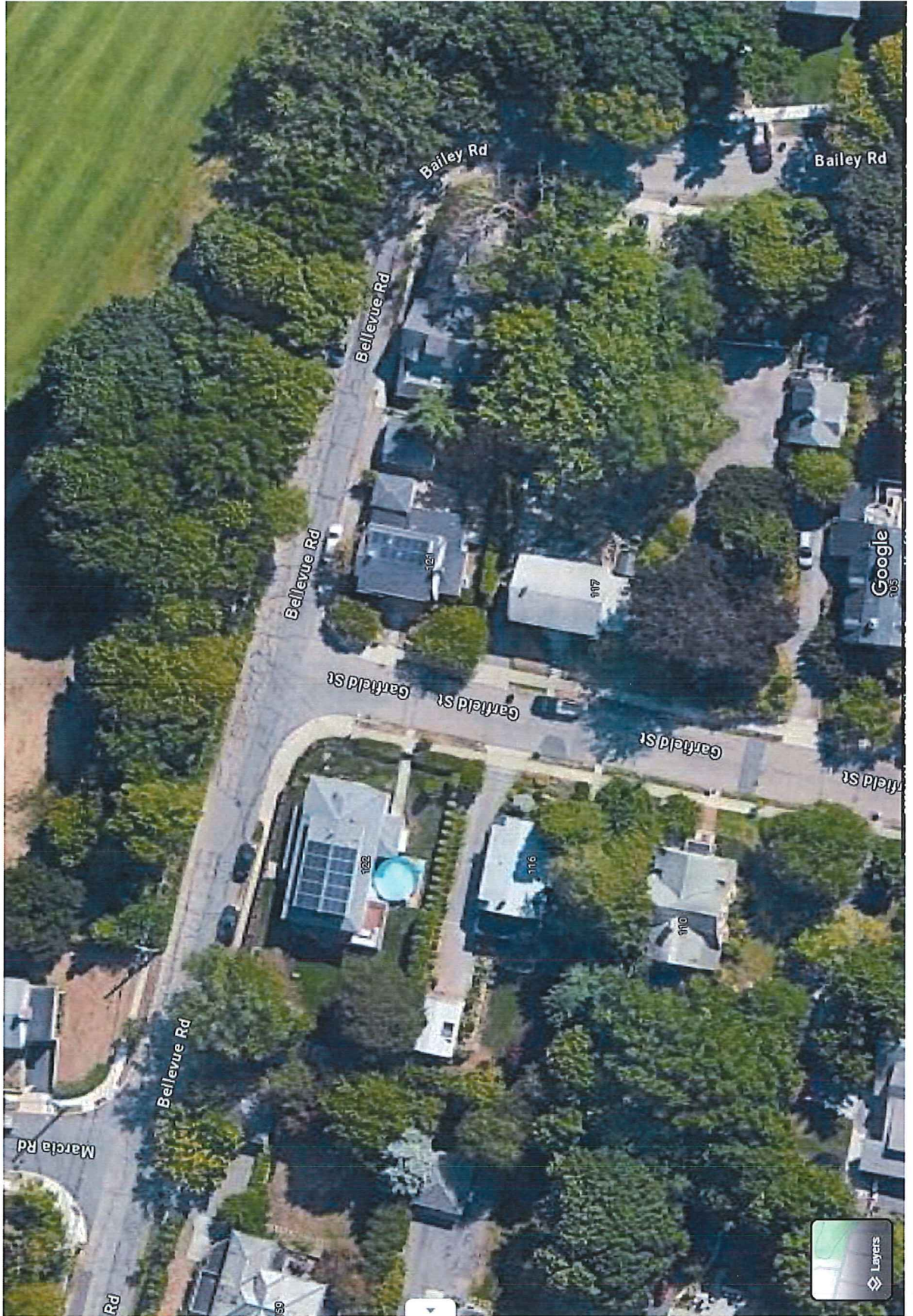
Drivers in MA have a well deserved bad reputation, but we have become awful after the pandemic and there is laughably barely any enforcement of distracted driving and speeding laws. Please at least consider building this necessary infrastructure so that we may continue walking safely in our neighborhood while the roads and driving experience continue to tailspin.

I am happy to show up at a meeting to elaborate if necessary.

Thank you for your time!

-Shervin

Bellevue Road at Bailey Road



STEALTH SURVEY INFO

<238 BELVUE 4.18>

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POSTED SPEED LIMIT: <30>

SURVEY STARTED: <2018/04/23 12:40>

FILENAME: 1B00100 238 BELLEVUE
4_18.DAT

MIN SPEED ALLOWED <10> MAX SPEED ALLOWED <125>

TOTAL VEHICLES = 7607

MINIMUM SPEED = 10

MAXIMUM SPEED = 47

AVERAGE SPEED = 23.98

50th PERCENTILE = 25

85th PERCENTILE = 30

TEN MILE PACE = 20 to 29

END OF REPORT

Summer Street



Current Summer Street Regulations

Summer St.	South	A point 50' west of Spring St.	Mt. Auburn St.	B	5/11/15
Summer St.	South	Parking Cut in front of # 20 Summer St.		A	5/11/15