



North College Park Citizens Association

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Dr. Haitham A. Hijazi
Director
Department of Public Works and Transportation
Prince George's County
9400 Peppercorn Place, Suite 300
Largo, Maryland 20774

Dear Dr. Hijazi,

I am writing on behalf of the North College Park Citizens Association to request a traffic study on the need for and feasibility of "chokers" on the shoulders of Rhode Island Avenue at the pedestrian crosswalks between Sunnyside and Route 193.

Some partial obstruction at the shoulders, blocking automobiles but not bicycles, would protect pedestrians from the following scenario: a car stops to allow a pedestrian to cross; the driver of a car directly behind the first car does not wish to stop but attempts to go around on the right-hand side. I have personally had a couple of close calls as a pedestrian in that scenario, and so have many others. If the driver of the second car could see that it was impossible to pass on the right, that danger is averted.

Armen Abrahamian of your department says that the proper procedure is to request your approval of a traffic study. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Mark Shroder
President

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