

City of Hyattsville

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Agenda Regular Meeting

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Monday, July 21, 2025

6:30 PM

Virtual

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

Robert S. Croslin, Mayor

Joseph Solomon, Council President, Ward 5

Joanne Waszczak, Council Vice President, Ward 1

Greg Barnes, Ward 1

Danny Schaible, Ward 2

Emily Strab, Ward 2

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ADMINISTRATION

Tracey E. Douglas, City Administrator

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call**2. Presentations****2.a. Traffic Calming Petition Presentation: 42nd Avenue and Kennedy Street**

For presentation

Sponsors:

Department: Department of Public Works

Attachments: Traffic Petition PPT 20250721 v2

3. Public Comment - Limit 2 minutes per speaker

4. Motion to Adjourn

City Council
July 21, 2025

Submitted by: Nate Groenendyk

Submitting Department: Department of Public Works

Agenda Section: Presentations

Item Title:

Traffic Calming Petition Presentation: 42nd Avenue and Kennedy Street

Suggested Action:

For presentation

Legal Review Required?

N/A

Summary Background:

In accordance with City Code, this public hearing is being held to present the findings and recommendations of the traffic calming study to evaluate the intersection of 42nd Avenue and Kennedy Street. Following the presentation, the public will be invited to provide comment.

Next Steps:

The final recommendation will be brought for Council approval at the August 4, 2025 meeting.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

City Administrator Comments:

For presentation

Community Engagement:

Residents are encouraged to comment by email or at the public hearing.

Strategic Goals:

Goal 3 – Promote a Safe and Vibrant Community

Traffic Petition Public Hearing

July 21, 2025





Agenda

Part 1: Petition Evaluation Overview

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Part 2: Overview of Petition Location

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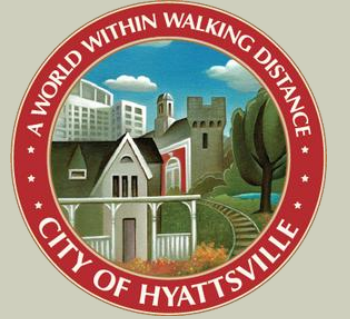
Part 3: Data Review

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Part 4: Recommendation

Evaluation Guidelines

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Per Hyattsville Charter and Code (§ 114-8):

Goal of evaluation is to “determine if a traffic calming device is in the interests of both best traffic engineering practice and public safety”

Factors Considered Include:

- Whether street has a speeding problem (further defined in next slide);
- Whether street carries a sufficient volume of non-residential traffic;
- Impact on public transportation, police, and fire apparatus, and adjacent neighborhoods; and
- Roadway characteristics and traffic calming best practices (Hyattsville Toolkit and DPW&T Neighborhood Traffic Program)

Determining a Speeding Problem

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Data are analyzed to identify a speeding problem such as:

- Resident complaints;
- Hyattsville Police accident and traffic violation statistics;
- Electronic traffic counts; and
- History of previous efforts to control speeding



LOCATION:

- 5500 and 5600 block of 42nd Avenue at the intersection of Kennedy Street
- On the edge of Wards 1 and 2





REASON FOR PETITION:

- Excessive speeding
- Reckless driving and failure to stop
- Specific concern due to pedestrians, young children, and pets in the area
- Proximity to three schools, a daycare, and a bus stop





REQUESTED ACTION:

- Raised crosswalks at the intersection of 42nd Avenue and Kennedy Street



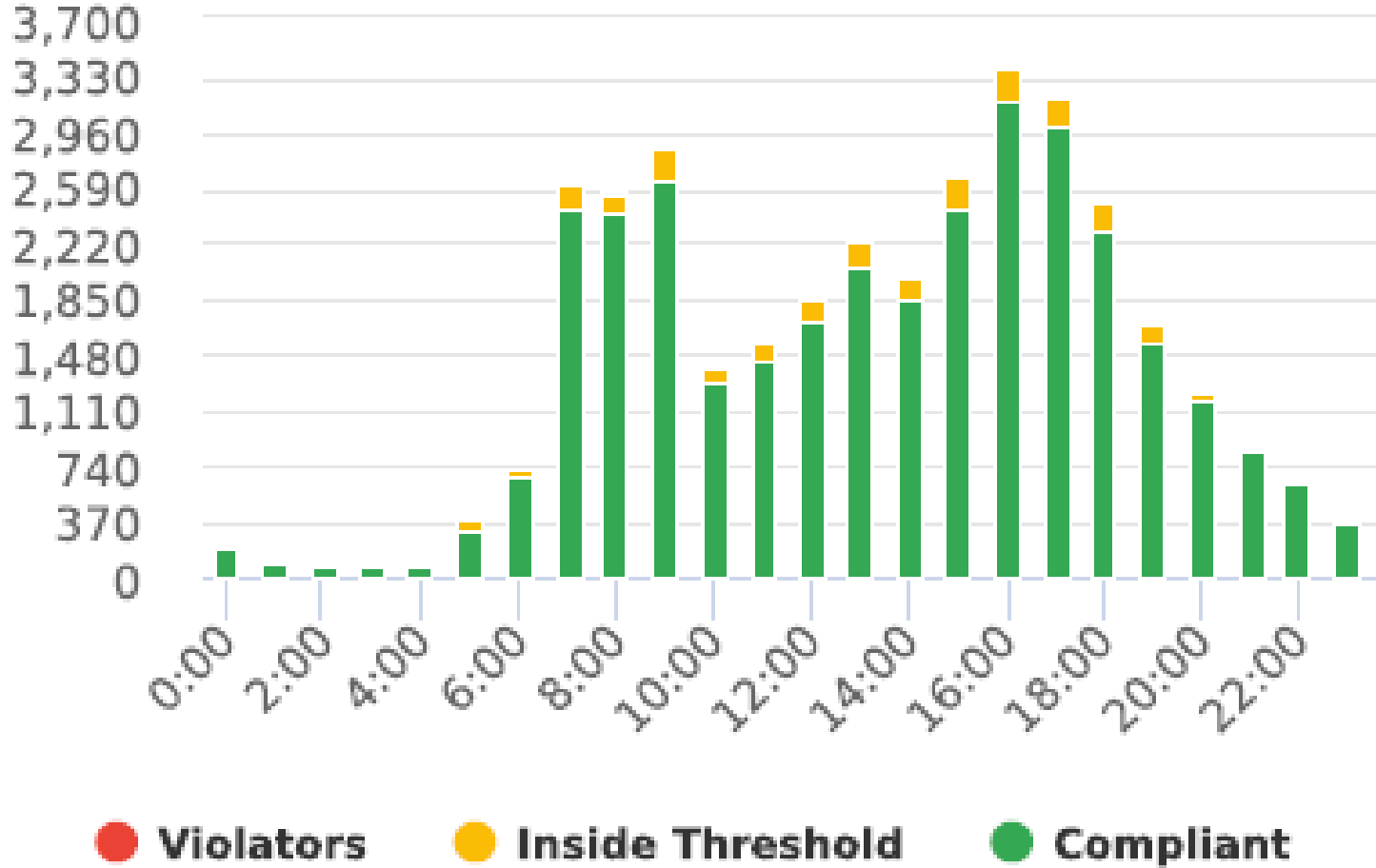


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20.19 MPH

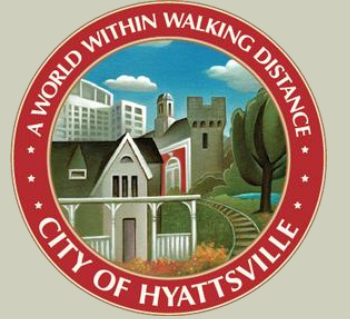
85TH PERCENTILE SPEED:
23.55 MPH

AVERAGE VOLUME:
2,938.9 VEHICLES PER DAY

HPD CALLS FOR SERVICE (2020-2025):
11 TRAFFIC RELATED CALLS



Staff Recommendation



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Recommend approval with modifications

- Insufficient speeding problem documented
- Higher than average volumes documented
- Roadway and intersection characteristics do not meet the installation criteria for a raised crosswalk
- Staff recommend a raised intersection for this location

Next Steps

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Staff recommendation will be brought before Council

- Mayor and City Council will announce decision to approve, approve with modifications, or deny the requested traffic calming device

Petitioner will be notified of the decision by the City Clerk

- Decision will be published in the Hyattsville City Council Meeting Minutes