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From: hilary thiemann-holden [hilaryeve@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2007 11:00 AM
To: Board of Selectmen
Subject: Oct 22 meeting

Board of Selectmen,

I am seven month pregnant and have a baby who is a year-and-a-half. My husband is out-of-town on business and therefore I will not be able to attend tonight's meeting. I request this email be entered into records regarding the issue of Foster St. to be discussed this evening. Please send me an email confirmation that you have received this note and that it will be entered into official records regarding the decision.

I have noticed on you agenda this evening will be discussion regarding Foster Street and traffic issues with cut-through traffic in the morning hours. I am very happy to see that people are concerned with commuters cutting through side streets to avoid the rotary is being discussed, however I am very concerned about how this will affect School Street cut-through traffic. As with Foster, School Street (the last exit before the rotary) traffic is dramatically worse between 6 and 9 a.m. because of people who do not want to wait at the Concord rotary. I am concerned that a traffic study does not appear to have been done on School St. to both see how similar our situation is to that of Foster Street (heavy traffic volume, excessive speeding, etc) as well as to see what affect limiting traffic on Foster St. will have with School St. Not only does School St. encounter a lot of cut-through commuters, but our road also has a lot of heavy-duty commercial vehicle traffic. With the exception of BOC Gas drivers who always obey the posted speed limits, the other commercial drivers have problems following speed limits and looking out for the general safety of the residents of School St. Like Foster, School St. also has a dangerous curve toward the School St./ Lawsbrook section of the road. School St. also does not have sidewalks or lines painted on the outside edge for traffic to follow.

Before this "No-Through Traffic between 6-9 a.m." is passed I would ask that you seriously consider the affects such a sign will have on School St. Traffic. I request a similar study including patrol officers running radar and electronic surveillance be used on School St. before the sign is put into affect. After said study, I would also request that a similar sign be added to School St. from Rt. 2. Furthermore, I ask that the traffic speed is set at 25 MPH consistently on the street (currently the signs are for 35 MPH from Rt. 2 to Craig Rd. where the signs are changed to 25 MPH.) Please keep in mind that there are many children playing at the soccer fields nearly all year and that there are several families on School St. with children ranging from infants to 12 years old.

Thank you for your time,
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