

City of Cincinnati



Interdepartmental
Correspondence Sheet

Date: 8/14/06

To: Colonel Thomas H. Streicher, Jr., Police Chief
From: Police Officer Thomas E. Haas, District Five
Copies to:
Subject: Third QUARTER Traffic Safety PROBLEM SOLVING REPORT – Patrol BUREAU

Category: CPOP Case Case #: SAR0600083 District: 5 Neighborhood: Northside

Coordinating Personnel: P.O. Haas #P413 and Transportation/Engineering Department

Description of Problem: Multiple auto accidents are occurring at 4441 Hamilton Avenue which is located on a sharp curve in the road. These accidents are occurring due to poor road contour, forcing vehicles into residential property and housing. This is affecting the citizens' quality of life and safety.

Phase of SARA: Response

SARA Documentation

Scanning (state problem): Officer Haas noticed that multiple auto accidents were occurring at 4441 Hamilton Avenue and causing damage houses and yards. This bad/sharp curve is a serious problem for commuters and neighborhood citizens in the form of creating slippery pavement during wet or snowy weather. This ultimately affects the residence in and around 4441 Hamilton Avenue's quality of life by creating safety/loss of life issues for pedestrians on the sidewalk and high cost property damage to the home owners.

Analysis (identify factual support): Officer Haas initiated contact with the home owner at 4441 Hamilton Avenue, Mr. Chester Davis, due to the obvious damage observed to his yard and home by vehicle crashes starting on the roadway and ending up in his yard and into his house. Vehicle crash records indicate there were 10 crashes resulting in injury and property damage at 4441 Hamilton Av. from May 2004 to March 2006. Citation records indicate that 25 citations were issued to vehicle operators ranging from speeding, failing to control and hit skip during the same period.

This problem has a negative economic impact by property owners having to pay large sums of money to repair the damages caused by vehicle crashes and having insurance company's increasing their premiums because of the number of crashes occurring. All combined, this has a negative effect on the residence' quality of life by creating this major safety hazard.

Response (define action taken): Officer Haas is attempting to improve public safety and preserve the quality of life to home owners/ pedestrians by making the roadway safer for vehicle passage which will reduce the crashes that are causing injury, property damage and the increased calls for service by police and fire. Officer Haas met with the owner of 4441 Hamilton Avenue, Mr. Chester Davis, because he has the most loss and reoccurrences. He then completed a Form 318 - Conditions Affecting Other Departments, and directed it to Transportation and Engineering. The form described the problem and I offered a solution with the idea of placing a guard rail at the curve in the road, roughening the road surface for added traction control and the placement of a "reduction of speed sign. Karen Groppe from Transportation/Engineering has advised that warning flashers will be placed before the curve and they are evaluating options for treatment of the road surface to improve traction through the curve. Implimentation of this project has not begun and is awaiting recommendations from the complete traffic safety evaluation.

Assessment (document measurement): N/A

**Police Participation
Bureau**

Specific Feedback:

City Department Participation

Specific Feedback

- Metropolitan Sewer District
- Parks
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation & Engineering
- Water Works

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