



College Woodlands Neighborhood Association

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Munson Traffic Committee Needs Your Support!

Background – Since the narrowing and straightening of Munson ended in 2017, neighbors have raised concerns about speeding traffic on Munson. After requests for volunteers on Next Door and through the association’s listserv, the Munson Traffic Committee started meeting in September 2019. Nine people (from Rose Circle, Munson, Ashburn, and Marsteller) volunteered to serve.

What the Traffic Committee did -- Working with the City Traffic Engineer and City Attorney, we discovered that the speed and number of cars exceed typical residential street amounts. Because there is a city ordinance (dating from 1999) restricting traffic calming measures from being placed on Munson, the city said the only way for the neighborhood to use city processes (neighborhood meetings, obtaining signatures on a petition, etc.) to consider future use of any traffic calming measures, is first to rescind the ordinance that prevents such measures from being used on Munson. No other street in the city has this restriction. Only the City Council can remove this restriction.

What happened on Tuesday, May 19, 2020:

With the endorsement of the city Traffic Engineer and City Attorney and the Munson Traffic Committee, the College Station City Council’s Transportation and Mobility Committee voted to send forward to City Council a recommendation to rescind the city ordinance prohibiting traffic calming on Munson Ave. June 25 is a potential date, but watch for a neighborhood listserv message or Next Door announcements for the actual meeting date.

What the Munson Traffic Committee needs to do:

1. Bring neighbors up to speed about the background of the ordinance, what the committee did and what we found out. That is available in a short report located on our website: <https://collegewoodlands.org> .



2. Answer questions and hear concerns about this issue. Please contact one of the following Munson Traffic Committee members:

Van Ngo – vantngodoc@gmail.com

Nataleigh Perez – nataleigh.perez@gmail.com

Suzanne Droleskey – sdroleskey@gmail.com or 979-693-1869 (landline)

What the Munson Traffic Committee needs from neighbors:

Show support for repealing the ordinance – Even if the neighborhood doesn't vote in the future to implement traffic calming on Munson, this street should not be excluded from tools and processes available to all other College Station streets. A decision to repeal the ordinance will not change Munson's status as a residential street carrying traffic through the neighborhood.

- a. **Attend the upcoming City Council Meeting** – When we know the date, we will announce it on Next Door and the neighborhood listserv. To be added to the listserv, send a request to collegewoodlands@gmail.com.
- b. **Send a note of support** – Whether you can attend the city council meeting or not, a short note would let them know that you are in support of the recommendation to rescind the ordinance prohibiting traffic calming measures on Munson Ave so it has the same rights as any other city street. Those emails are listed below:

Karl Mooney -- kmooney@cstx.gov

Bob Brick -- rbrick@cstx.gov

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