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Douglas City Council
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to share my concern regarding the safety of Water Street. Traffic has increased significantly over the past several years and trucks now use it as a cut through to Wiley Street. Unfortunately vehicles often drive significantly over the stated speed limit and it is no longer possible to walk safely along the side of Water Street to Wiley Road due to the fact that cars speed around the curves without regard for the health and safety of pedestrians.

Besides the health and safety issues, this traffic has caused significant damage to the road itself. Years ago neighbors along Water Street witnessed firsthand the damage done to the road from attempted construction of a house at 151 Water Street that resulted in the lengthy closure and rebuilding of the road at considerable expense.

Since this work was done, the east side of the road north of Randolph often needs to be repaired as it collapses and falls down the hill. My spouse has contacted City Hall several times to report serious and dangerous erosion and undermining of the road and to request repair. These repairs seem to be temporary as the roadbed and shoulder are compromised and the safety and integrity of the road is a concern. Perhaps increased traffic, speed, and usage by so many trucks exacerbates the problem.

Please consider permanent repair to the road rather than performing temporary fixes, lowering the speed limit (or even enforcing the existing one), striping the road, and closing the road to trucks utilizing it for cut through purposes. I also wonder about the value of "speed bumps" to potentially deal with these problems.

Respectfully,

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