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From: Michael Driskill <info@cityofgrassvalley.com>
Sent: Friday, November 4, 2022 12:21 PM
To: COGV General Voicemail <COGVGeneralVM@cityofgrassvalley.com>
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Submitted by anonymous user: [193.36.224.240]

Your name:
Michael Driskill



Your Phone Number:



Message:

As the city begins to grow east of Grass Valley with 235 more housing units alongside Loma Rica and Brunswick citizens are becoming most concerned about how the city and county will be dealing with the influx of hundred of more speeding vehicles coming down into town.

After you read my pdf file you will gain a better sense of my concerns, and how my concerns in the city of Novato, CA produced results that slowed traffic appropriately, monitored and dealt with speeders, installed cross-walks for the safety of pedestrians, and increased an awareness that speed kills, and the governing bodies we elect are

responsible.

Please read and share the pdf. You can contact me, and it would be great if some of you would begin to put together a meeting or committee that will address the issues I have expressed.

Today I will be going out once again to do more observations and take a few notes.... The ball is in your court.... lawsuits for doing nothing can be very expensive, especially for those families who suffer loss of one kind or another.

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From: Michael Driskill kdobermann@mac.com
Subject: Re: Traffic Speed ng Increas ng on Brunsw ch
Date: November 4, 2022 at 12:09 PM
To: Sheriff Sheriff@nevadacountyca.gov
Bcc: BOS.Pub cComment@nevadacountyca.gov



Thank you for your reply. I have sent out the same email to the BOS of Nevada county, as well as the city of GV. I will do my best to attempt such a gathering, and hopefully there will be some folks who I have written to that will be part of that process... If you don't mind, I would like to send your response to those I have already contacted. They may see enough interest to get the process moving forward...

Have a blessed day, and thank you again for your service to the community... Michael Driskill

On Nov 4, 2022, at 10:50 AM, Sheriff
<Sheriff@nevadacountyca.gov> wrote:

Mr. Driskill,

Appreciate you reaching out. Most of the traffic enforcement you are concerned with is within the jurisdiction of the Grass Valley Police Department. Have you tried reaching out to schedule a meeting with Chief Gammelgard? The other traffic concerns that work their way in to and out of the County jurisdiction would be covered by CHP. That is because the Sheriff's Office and CHP have a current MOU that outlines what enforcement we will handle for them in exchange for them handling all traffic enforcement and accident investigation in the unincorporated areas of Nevada County. The local CHP office is located directly across the street from the Fairgrounds on McCourtney Road if you wanted to reach out to them and speak to their Watch Commander.

We do understand your concerns and frustration and agree to work with you to come to a resolution on this matter – but, we will need to include the agencies and representatives who will be responsible for the actual traffic enforcement (GVPD and CHP) as well as those with an interest in the community development (Grass Valley City Council and Board of Supervisors). Perhaps you could reach out to the Grass Valley Council and the Board of Supervisors to schedule a Town Hall meeting – we would be happy to attend to help support you and the community.

The Sheriff's assistant, Lisa Swarthout, has been included in this email so she is aware of the issue and can help coordinate the Sheriff's schedule if and when you are able to put a meeting together with all the above mentioned stakeholders. The Sheriff's Office recently attended a Town Hall meeting in the North San Juan area after residents reached out to the Sheriff and Board of Supervisors voicing their concerns over some community issues – the Town Hall meeting was organized by members of the Board of Supervisors.

Best of luck,

Nevada County Sheriff's Office

From: Michael Driskill <kdobermann@mac.com>
Sent: Friday, November 4, 2022 10:21 AM
To: Sheriff <Sheriff@nevadacountyca.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Traffic Speeding Increasing on Brunswick

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To Whom It May Concern:

Just the other day I went for my almost daily walk from Safeway to the Sierra Savings located at the top of the rise of Brunswick coming into GV just before the Safeway shopping center. I observed nearly two accidents occurring because of the speed at which automobiles were traveling, way over the 40 mph posted.

This morning on [Nextdoor.com](https://www.nextdoor.com) concerned neighbors in our city and county were asking what and when the new development on Brunswick, just before and after Loma Rica, was going to be completed and how many units were going to be there.

Here is my answer. And it goes along with the concerns I expressed in the June email I sent this year, along with with concerned citizen comments filed in 2020 at the county city in Nevada City.

I really hope the city and county are not sued for millions of dollars because of their failure to slow speeds on this part of the road entering into GV to 30 mph, to accommodate all those trying to enter and exit that center. Do we have to wait for a death toll before the combined City and County supervisors and law enforcement actually do something about this impending disaster...

Here is today's post which I will also send to the Union and to the Sacramento Bee.... I hope something will be done sooner than later. I bet that in one week, from changing the speed limit signs coming and going in and out of this particular area, and monitoring the speed in person, it will pay in mental and emotional peace of mind by all the drivers who have to put up with this nonsense, and that financially it will also pay the salary of at least one, if not two, officers to work 20-30 hours a week.

"Work continues on the Loma Rica Ranch housing development that, when complete, will provide 235 homes.

The first phase will see construction of 60 duet homes
residing from 1,000 to 1,500 square feet. It will also

ranging from 1,200 to 1,500 square feet. It will also include single, detached houses that vary from 1,500 to 2,400 square feet. The project is between Brunswick Road and Sutton Way in Grass Valley." <https://www.theunion.com/news/homes-on-the-horizon-october-rains-complicate-housing-project/>

What bothers me about this development is that traffic on Brunswick is going to be absolutely insane. I have spent several hours on Brunswick monitoring speeds coming into town from the Sierra Central Credit Union at the top of the hill one block before Chase bank with my personal hand held radar monitor (they can be purchased on Amazon for \$30 and up). The speed limit sign says 40- average speeds up to 50+ mph, including large trucks trying to catch the green light at Sutton. In 2020 I filed a comment with the Nevada County sheriffs department in Nevada City regarding those speeds. Not one CHP, Sheriff, or Grass Valley Police department officer has ever sat and monitored traffic in over 4 years... not one. I suggested in my filing that that the speed coming into GV at that point should be 30, and that until speeds are forcibly adjusted by a speeding ticket sting, nothing will happen except a severe auto accident occurs... then maybe someone just might pay attention..."

Begin forwarded message:

From: Michael Driskill <kdobermann@mac.com>
Subject: Traffic Speeding Increasing on Brunswick
Date: June 14, 2022 at 12:49:08 PM PDT
To: sheriff@co.nevada.ca.us

To Whom It Concerns:

I want to thank all the men and women in green, blue, and black for their efforts to control a population going crazy with Covid, and incompetent city, state, and national governments who have forgotten that Athens and Sparta are no longer in existence despite their trying to be "democratic" states.

I moved to GV 4 years ago. I instantly noticed traffic speed picking up after 2 years. One day I decided to take my radar device and sat on the corner of Old Tunnel Rd and Brunswick for two hours recording average speed >45 mph coming down the hill from Sierra Central Credit Union. You may ask why.

I lived in Novato, Calif. for 20 years. For the last two years I lived on a street that was a "short cut" to the residential neighborhoods off Grant Ave and Novato Blvd. The traffic in those areas was getting heavier and faster. How about motorcycles racing down Center Blvd. at 11 pm at night at 80 miles per hour.

I decided to buy a radar device and used in at certain localities to record my observations where I thought speeds needed to be lowered, and traffic lights for pedestrians installed.

I then contacted the city "traffic" engineer about my findings and gave her my written report. We met one day two weeks before I left Novato. Eight areas where I felt needed improvement were in progress and three were completed. I am hoping that before things get out of hand the city and county will want to actually do something about the imminent dangers becoming more apparent every day in this area of GV.

So, I filed notice at the Nevada county office in 2020- never heard back from anyone- no phone calls, no messages, nada, zilch ... Nothing happened - no change in speed limit signs to at least 35 if not 30, and only 1 sheriff vehicle in front of Sierra Central briefly and not monitoring speeds, in 4 years. There is no reason for anyone to be allowed to race to the stop light, and no reason for anyone to have to be in fear of their life, whether crossing that huge intersection while driving or walking ...

I have had many near misses trying to make turns into Safeway parking, Chase , and left turn onto OTR; also, left turns off Old Tunnel to travel east on Brunswick a certain death trap... I was told this was county jurisdiction and city couldn't do anything... what?

If the city and county don't collaborate and slow the traffic down soon, someone will need to bring pine boxes to fill.... please do something about slowing the speed down... hundreds of people are coming into a city and intersection that is very highly populated with the elderly, the homeless, etc., and the town is growing larger with imports from Bay Area people who aren't used to going slow and who

larger with imports from Bay Area people who aren't used to going slow and who are often times rude.

How about putting up a speed sign of 30 mph and stating that is it radar enforced? I don't want to be the next dead accident victim because someone in the county didn't think it was important enough...

Thank you for making this a priority... Michael Driskill, RN, BSN, PHN, (45 years in the medical field and have nursed many body parts because of drivers speeding), VN Vet, etc. mostly retired... 415-599-9385