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Mr. Steve Weber
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RE: Slowing traffic speeds in Southbridge

Dear Mr. Weber,

Several concerns about high traffic speed along South Claymont Street, along with Heald Street and New Castle Ave., have recently been raised by Southbridge residents. We hope that Public Works might be able to address these concerns through some small-scale interventions:

- Consider larger stop signs for northbound traffic along South Claymont Street, along with the painting of "STOP" on the roadway itself prior to the stop bars.
- A new stop sign is added for northbound traffic on South Claymont Street at C Street.
- Repainting crosswalk on South Claymont Street at C Street.
- Further, perhaps "school zone" signage could be added on streets around the Neighborhood House since it is an early learning center and since the Neighborhood House plans to develop a playground at 512 S. Claymont Street.
- Finally, could you provide an update on the traffic signal retiming to slow traffic speeds on New Castle Avenue and Heald Street? This was an effort that Mr. Lennon was working on prior to his unfortunate passing. The community would also very much like to see radar speed signs added along these streets.

High traffic speeds were a repeated concern cited in the Southbridge Neighborhood Action Plan. We are hopeful that the fresh Traffic Circulation Study will help identify comprehensive long-term solutions, especially along New Castle Avenue and Heald Street. But the efforts outlined above, and any other ideas you might have, may help address conditions in the near term.

The SWPN is a collaborative partnership of residents and dozens of government, non-profit, and private agencies who work together to improve quality of life in the Southbridge neighborhood of Wilmington, Delaware.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at:
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Sincerely,

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