

## **The SouthWood Neighborhood Traffic Calming Plan: 51 SPEED BUMPS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

In the next couple of weeks you will get a ballot in the mail about the Traffic Calming Plan. You will be asked to vote for, or against the plan. We can't change it or ask for a better plan.

That's unfortunate, because this plan places speed bumps **everywhere the city will allow them**. Fifty one speed bumps in our little neighborhood! Speed bumps we will have to drive over two or more times every day. It's hard on the equipment. And if you're not young and supple, they hurt. And yes, it will slow down emergency vehicles. Seconds count.

### **Do we need this?**

The speed limit on our streets was lowered a couple of years ago. The traffic calming survey was based on the new speed limits. If the limit were still 30 mph. as it still is in the school zones on Redd at Joslin or on St. Elmo at the school, only Lansing **would qualify at all**. Yes, we do need speed bumps on Lansing.

### **Why didn't we get a more reasonable plan?**

Some folks tried. **Fifty two** neighbors petitioned the working group to ask "please don't put speed bumps on Redd St". For these people, Redd is a dealbreaker. Many of them wanted to support a more moderate plan.

**What's special about Redd?** Redd is the primary access route for the neighborhood, as well as the route all emergency vehicles must use. 4,300 trips a day and most of it us. That's 3 times the volume of the next busiest street in the neighborhood.

**And Redd barely qualified!** Redd traffic was only **2.7 mph. over the COA cutoff to qualify at all**. The APD has done a great job of enforcement.

The working group decided that only those who **signed up at the original meeting** and volunteered to be on the committee deserved a voice in designing the plan. The petition was ignored. So unfortunately,

**It's not OUR plan.**

If you think that 51 speedbumps is just to many speedbumps for our little neighborhood, you need to vote against, please. If you'd like to hear more, or maybe even be willing to help spread the word, contact us at

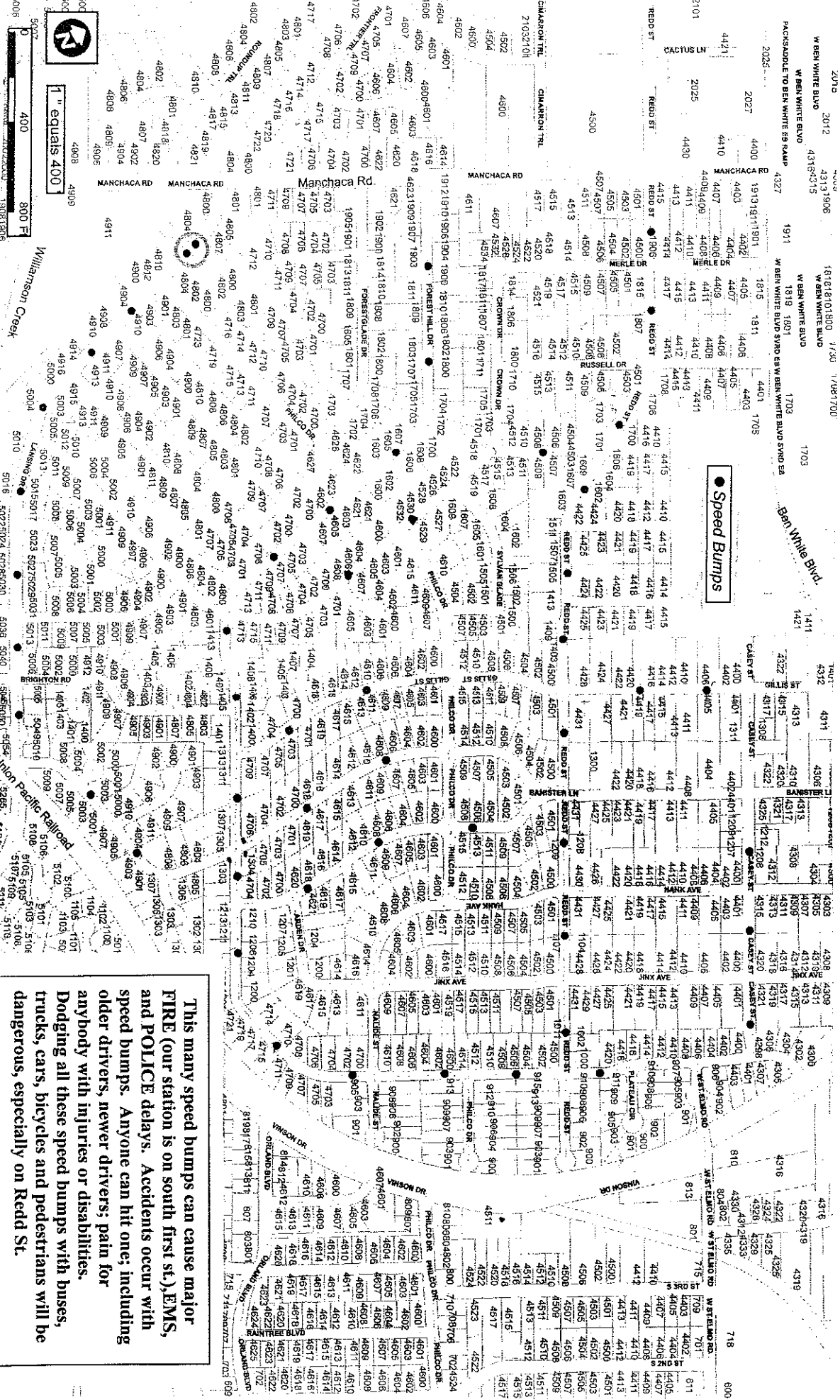
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# 51 Speed Bumps in our neighborhood, is this a responsible plan?

You will receive a BALLOT IN THE MAIL from the PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT-TRANSPORTATION DIVISION.  
 PLEASE VOTE NO AND MAIL BACK THE BALLOT.  
 TOO MANY ON SOME STREETS -NONE ON OTHERS.

Not a professional or good plan for our neighborhood.

Will create erratic traffic flow and patterns.



This many speed bumps can cause major FIRE (our station is on south first st.), EMS, and POLICE delays. Accidents occur with speed bumps. Anyone can hit one; including older drivers, newer drivers; pain for anybody with injuries or disabilities. Dodging all these speed bumps with buses, trucks, cars, bicycles and pedestrians will be dangerous, especially on Redd St.

Traffic levels will stay the same.

We are enclosed on three sides: railroad tracks, Williamson Creek and power lines, not much cut through. Buses run on Redd Sam to midnight. Special Transit also. Not offered with this plan are stop signs, 4-way stops and solar powered speed indicators. This plan offers speed bumps only (called "speed cushions"). More speed bumps than any neighborhood of it's size has ever had.

Look for a letter from the Public Works Department - Transportation Division and Vote No to this plan.