DATE: June 14th, 2016

FROM: Larry Ward 2408 Railroad Street Tacoma, WA 98409

TO: Tacoma City Council

SUBJECT: Unsafe Traffic Conditions Along Railroad & 54th Streets, from Tacoma Mall Blvd to South Oakes Street (Distance is .35 of a mile)

Today, I represent not only my own concerns, but also the concerns of those who signed the petitions I'm handing in.

On this short stretch of road, there have been at least two pedestrians hit by cars. The latest, being last year. Speed and lack of attention appeared to be the contributive issues. We have many school age children in the area, and lots of school bus stops. Children are at risk.

Recently, we had a vehicle stopped for an off loading school bus. That car was rear ended by another vehicle. There have been many other vehicle accidents on this road, one at sufficient speeds to total a legally parked, one year old car. Of course, many people drive at reasonable speeds. But there are the exceptions, and they're not as uncommon as I'd like. I've witnessed cars traveling at speeds between fifty and sixty miles per hour.

On a school day not long ago, a car sped up a sidewalk, at about 45 to 50 mph. Three hours earlier, that exact spot had been filled with elementary school students, waiting for a bus. The car stopped only after it hit, and snapped off the top of a power pole. If that incident had occurred when children were present, the results would have been disasterous.

What we're saying is, action needs to be taken, so children are not killed. Vehicular traffice is a danger to school aged children in this area. So, what are the fixes? I understand speed bumps are not an acceptable solution. Pitty, their cheap and effective. How about an electronic speed sign with camera? Yes ... I'm talking money. But if tickets were levied, it would defray the expense. In action is not acceptable, what's the cost of a life? Your attention to this matter is required.

Sincerely,

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We the undersigned want to notify you of our concern about a dangerous situation that exists in Tacoma's third district. The condition is excessive vehicle speed, from South Tacoma Mall Blvd down Railroad Street, and continues onto 54th Street and extends through the South Oakes Intersection. There have been a number of property damage accidents over the last five years, due to excessive speed. Our concerns are mainly for the safety of pedestrian traffic, many of which are school children making their way to bus pick up points. Your action is needed to control speed and improve safety. We the undersigned say, property can be replaced, lives cannot.

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