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Speed Bumps 18th Street, Astoria NY

At our recent monthly meeting on February 28th, 2018 a large contingent of residents from the Old Astoria neighborhood requested that already approved speed bumps be installed on 8th St. as soon as possible.

After our initial request for installation of speed humps on 18th St. on May 8th. 2015, we received approval from the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) on September 9th, 2016. Community Board approval has also been forwarded to DOT. We are attaching the DOT approval letter.

At the same time we requested and received approval for Speed Humps on 27th avenue between 21st St. and 9th St.

The Speed Humps were installed on 27th Ave. in 2017. However we have yet to see installation on 18th St.

18th St. is home to 2 churches that have many seniors and young people as parishioners. There is an Italian Social Club that is frequented by many seniors. Also, many large apartment buildings are home to families with small children, and the local grocery store serves a large area, and is the busiest such store in the neighborhood.



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18th St. is also a major route to Astoria Park for families and dog walkers, both of whom are vulnerable to speeding vehicles.

The intersection of 26th Ave. and 18th St., where the grocery is situated, is quite dangerous, as the roads enter the intersection off center, causing cars to have to drive against traffic in order to proceed down 26th Ave.

There have been many incidents of cars, trucks and buses proceeding at a high rate down this essentially residential street. And there have been a number of close calls (especially involving small children) that could have been disastrous.

We have been advised that the reason installation has not occurred is that they prioritize speed humps by schools. However, the recently (and quickly) installed speed humps on 14th St and 27th Ave have no school in proximity.

We ask that the installation proceed immediately before the inevitable property damage, injuries and loss of life occurs.

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