



Roosevelt Rd / Bryden Rd dangerous traffic conditions: 4-way stop requested

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Dear Matt and Bexley City Council,

We are residents at [2760 Bryden Rd](#), with two small children. We have increasingly become concerned about fast drivers on Roosevelt, with disregard for speed limits. We have also noticed two cars over the last two weeks turning left during a red right at the Fair Ave crossing - which was very alarming.

As you know, the first and only required stop on Roosevelt for drivers going from Main to Broad St is at Fair Ave at the lights. This means drivers pick up considerable speed on this stretch, after turning down from Main St, until hitting the lights at Fair. Luckily there are plenty of 4-way stop signs further down Roosevelt between Fair and Broad. **We would like to request that a 4-way stop be added at the intersection of Bryden and Roosevelt** to slow traffic down and make a crossing safe for all of us - particularly the increasing number of children in the area -- at that intersection.

We believe a lot of cars are taking Roosevelt because of the lack of stop signs, as a thoroughfare through an otherwise quiet neighborhood. This is dangerous. At the Bryden Rd intersection in particular, Roosevelt curves out, which reduces visibility, for either crossing Roosevelt or making a turn, particularly as cars drive fast down Roosevelt and seemingly appear out of nowhere.

We have observed the following:

1. Roosevelt and Gould are the only two residential north-south streets between Fair and Main without any traffic controls, unlike what exists between Fair and Broad St.
2. Roosevelt has one speed limit sign northbound between Main and Fair, close to Sherwood. This is inadequate and clearly being disregarded, as drivers pick up speed on a long stretch with no stop signs or lights.
3. Crossing both Roosevelt and Gould on an east-west route is difficult because sight lines are often obscured by parked vehicles or trees. Roosevelt is particularly difficult for visibility because the street curves / arches, and the curve is especially pronounced at Bryden Road.
4. There are frequent traffic calming devices between Fair and Broad that act as an inducement for some drivers to make up for "lost time" by exceeding the speed limit between Fair and Main.
5. Further, since Gould has the traffic circles closer to Broad St, drivers likely increasingly prefer Roosevelt as a thoroughfare to Gould, which should not be the case for a smaller, windier road cutting through a neighborhood.
6. Despite seeing Bexley police cars patrolling along the east-west streets, few drivers are pulled over on Roosevelt for speeding.
7. We strongly believe 25 mph without calming devices poses too great a risk for pedestrians - children - especially, but also for drivers trying to turn onto Roosevelt from Bryden Rd as Roosevelt curves.

We urge you to put a 4-way stop sign at Roosevelt and Bryden Rd to avoid a serious accident occurring, either involving vehicles or pedestrians. This lies solely within Bexley jurisdiction, unlike changes on Gould, and should not be postponed. We are concerned residents worried for the safety of all pedestrians, especially children. Please follow the examples of the intersection of Cassady and Bryden Rd and make it a four-way stop at Roosevelt and Bryden.

Thank you for your advocacy and support for this important and urgent change.

Please reach out if we can help with anything else, such as collecting neighborhood signatures from similarly concerned neighbors.

With kind regards,

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