

Cottage Road Traffic & Safety
COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS and RESPONSES

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Date	Commenter	Comment or Suggestion	Date	Staff Responder	Response
10-17-17	Ellen Zimmerman	<p>Dear Mr. Hauser:</p> <p>I live on Goudy Street and realize there is a huge Cottage Road traffic volume, especially during the summer. Not sure what can be done about the volume, but it is difficult to turn from Goudy Street onto Cottage Road, due to heavy traffic, negotiating four traffic routes at that crossroad from Goudy and Elsmere, plus parked cars on Cottage Road, blocking the view as one is attempting to enter Cottage Road from Goudy Street. Also being a school child, other pedestrian or bicyclist crossing Cottage Road is hazardous at that intersection.</p> <p>Possible suggestions: No parking on Cottage Road, where it interferes with drivers views to enter Cottage Road? Maybe a blinking yellow?/red? light to make it safer? I do not claim to be a traffic expert, so just a couple of thoughts.</p> <p>Thank you for the work you do.</p> <p>Appreciatively, Ellen Zimmerman 50 Goudy Street</p>	10-18-17	Tex Haeuser	<p>Dear Ellen,</p> <p>Thanks for your comments and suggestions. We will look at the issue of Cottage Road parking interfering with the views of drivers entering Cottage Road, including at Goudy. Not to jump ahead, but I think the Goudy crosswalk would be a good candidate for a rectangular rapid flashing beacon (RRFB). However, we will need to do more than that to get the cars on Cottage to slow down and pay close attention.</p>
10-24-17	Joyce LaRou	<p>Dear Mr. Haeuser,</p> <p>Anyone who has resided here all their live would say Cottage Rd. traffic has had a dramatic increase in recent years. Several times a day the increase of flow of traffic on Cottage is a pain in the neck and unsafe for bikers and walkers trying to get across the street. Since Elsmere BBQ has opened its doors, I can not see beyond the parked cars either looking left or right while creeping the front of my car into the middle of Cottage. It is dangerous. My vehicle is not a high profile one so I truly can not see what is approaching on Cottage as I try to get out of Goudy St. I do believe parking needs to cease on Cottage Road back far enough so we can ease into traffic safely. Lastly, from 2pm -6:30pm the flow increases on Cottage, the lights are not timed properly for an even flow thus backing up Broadway and Cottage, Sawyer/Cottage and Pillsbury/Cottage. It is unsafe in front of Sam's and Cape Vet and David's. My hope is there something that can and will be done before someone is hurt in this area.</p>	10-24-17	Tex Haeuser	<p>Joyce, thank you for your email. I am noting your thoughtful concerns and will bring them to the attention of our Cottage Road Traffic and Safety group. For more information, please see our webpage here.</p> <p>Best wishes, Tex Haeuser</p>

