

**Proposed Resolution of Support for Traffic Control Legislation for Defoor Ave.**

**Dated:** Monday, September 21st, 2020

WHEREAS Traffic and speeding on Defoor Ave has increased significantly over the last several years as reported by residents of the Underwood Hills Neighborhood.

AND WHEREAS Multiple accidents involving at-fault vehicles striking both bicyclers and residential properties over the last several years, including 2 incidents striking the same property in the same evening in 2019

AND WHEREAS the majority of properties along Defoor Ave are single and multi-family residential properties

AND WHEREAS the Underwood Hills Neighborhood Association (UHNA) board has been approached by multiple residents with properties directly on Defoor avenue, as well as other residents of the neighborhood, requesting efforts to control speed and increase pedestrian safety and walkability/bikeability along Defoor Avenue

AND WHEREAS the Underwood Hills Traffic Committee, with the support of the Board of Directors, discussed options and reached out directly to the City of Atlanta to request such safety improvements along with independent residents who also reached out to the City

AND WHEREAS Councilman Dustin Hillis has sought counsel from the Atlanta (City) Department of Transportation (DOT) including a personal ride-along with DOT Commissioner Josh Rowan and Dept of Public Works exec, Nursef Kadir, who recommended multiple stop signs otherwise “unmerited” by speed studies on Defoor Avenue and additional traffic control measures such as “armadillos” to reduce speed along the corridor before presenting options to Underwood Hills

AND WHEREAS Councilman Hillis offered options for either 2 stops signs at the mid-points between the stop sign at Harper St and Collier Rd at Seaboard Ave, and at the midpoint between Harper St. and Howell Mill Rd. at Marvin St. respectively, or a second option for 4 stop signs, at the intersection of Defoor and Marvin St., Defoor Place, Mantissa St., and Seaboard Ave.

AND WHEREAS A study was conducted also at the intersection of Mantissa St. and Claremont St.

AND WHEREAS, after consulting with dozens of Underwood Hills residents and the UHNA board, received overwhelming support for all stop signs proposed

AND WHEREAS Councilman Hillis has introduced legislation for all four stop signs to be voted upon for approval by the City Council in October

NOW THEREFORE the UHNA hereby represents its support of the following by a majority vote in support of this resolution by the members in attendance of the at-large general meeting on September 21st, 2020:

- I. Legislation for four stop signs proposed by Councilman Hillis to be installed Defoor Ave in all four intersections as stated above, along with measures recommended by Commissioner Rowan including raised crosswalks, armadillo dividers, road striping tweaks, and other measures to reduce speed and cut-through traffic on Defoor Avenue.
- II. Any stop signs or other provisions introduced by the city for the intersection of Mantissa St. and Claremont St. to slow down and/or reduce cut-through traffic on Claremont St. and Mantissa St.