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MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Billy Grogan, Chief of Police
Michael Smith, Public Works Director

CC: Warren Hutmacher, City Manager

Date: July 26, 2010

Item: **Dunwoody Club Drive Speeding**

Background:

The Dunwoody Police Department has received a number of complaints about a chronic speeding problem on Dunwoody Club Drive, mainly for the section between Ball Mill Rd and Spalding Drive. In addition, requests have been received about adding a stop sign on Dunwoody Club Drive at Woodson Trail and conducting no truck enforcement.

Discussion:

Once the department received these complaints, they were forwarded to the shift supervisors for enforcement. In addition, the Sandy Springs Police Department was notified about the speeding issue since they share jurisdiction on Dunwoody Club Drive.

Since April 1, 2010, the Dunwoody Police Department has written 20 speeding citations. The average speed for these citations was 51mph with a range from 48-59mph. During this same period of time, there has been 1 accident on Dunwoody Club Drive in this section.

The speed trailer has not been deployed due to mechanical issues. We are in the process of getting a refund from the manufacturer and purchasing a different brand. The Sandy Springs Police Department is about to conduct a speed study on Dunwoody Club using a covert device to capture actual speeds. They will share the results of this study with the Dunwoody Police Department once they have them.



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The City of Dunwoody Public Works Department has worked with Sandy Springs to install new “No Truck” signs since the appropriate sign locations are located on the Sandy Springs side of Dunwoody Club.

Public Works also met with two of the concerned residents on Dunwoody Club. The residents requested a stop sign at Woodsong and Public Works advised that it was unlikely that this location would meet the warrants for a stop sign.

Staff Recommendation:

The Dunwoody Police Department will review the results of the speed study being conducted by the Sandy Springs Police Department so resources can be deployed during the most productive times. In addition, the police department will continue with speed enforcement and begin enforcement of the No Trucks signage on Dunwoody Club Drive as call volume allows.

The Dunwoody Police Department will also deploy the new speed trailer once it has been received. As speeding is a frequent concern around the city, Public Works and Police are also looking into radar signs similar to the ones installed last year in school zones but ones that can be moved easily to multiple locations. However, the cost for these signs is not currently funded in this year's budget.