

WESTERN PROMENADE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Mr. Michael Bobinsky, Director
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Dear Mike:

At a meeting of the Maine Med Neighborhood Council about a year ago, several neighborhood residents attended and raised an issue about the existing one-way traffic pattern around Maine Med.

Apparently, by their observation, people get confused in trying to find and enter the hospital parking lot, turn down West Street and often try to come down the one-way section of Chadwick Street between Bramhall and West. When it becomes evident that they are going against a one-way, they back up and then head up to the Prom and try to take a right, which is one-way in the southerly direction. Frustrated by that, they turn back down West toward Vaughan, blast through the stop sign at West and Chadwick and try to get out of the neighborhood. The neighbors observe this time and time again and are concerned about the frustrated drivers and their speed.

I recall that last year you asked me about the history of the one-ways, which I do not recall. Perhaps your inquiry was prompted by citizen complaint at that time.

The WPNA thinks it's time to do a formal in-house traffic evaluation of the existing one-way system. Perhaps some or all of it can be changed to avoid the confusion that seems to reign – and to spare residents what they consider to be a dangerous traffic situation.

Could you please le me know when a traffic study can be done? Thanks!

With best regards,



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President

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