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**To:** \*City Council\*; Richard Jones; Andrew Port  
**Subject:** Fw: Merrimac Street

Good morning,

The email below was sent to Christine Wallace. We have been communicating with her about Merrimac Street since 2019 and are not seeing progress to ensure Merrimac Street is safe.

Regards,  
Kristen Hunter  
433 Merrimac Street  
802-356-0215

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Begin forwarded message:

On Friday, September 1, 2023, 8:03 AM, Kristen Hunter <[kristenmhunter@yahoo.com](mailto:kristenmhunter@yahoo.com)> wrote:  
Hi Christine,

Good morning. I was thrilled to see this signage on Plummer at the raised crossing to the park this morning.

Any updates on safety plans for Merrimac Street as we continue to see cars and trucks speeding down the road in both directions with little regard for cyclists, pedestrians and residents of Newburyport?

We need physical barriers to slow traffic, more signage, speed bumps, stop lights, lower the speed limit to 20 mph (Google maps still shows 30 mph!!!), remove Merrimac Street as a dedicated truck route, anything and not just near the ball field, from the rotary into downtown to keep us safe.

I witnessed a car speeding down Merrimac last weekend that hit the 25 mph sign in front of my house to avoid hitting the cyclists on the shoulder of the street because they were going too fast.

With winter on the way, the signage in streets and crosswalks all around town will be removed making our street less safe.

That same weekend I was driving and turned left from Jefferson to Merrimac then put my blinker on to turn left into my driveway and a car was flying up behind me, got right on my bumper (my 7 year old was in the car) and gave me the middle finger.

The weekend prior a cyclist was hit by a car turning from Jefferson onto High Street.

When will something be done?

Thanks,  
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