

Hi, my name is Adam Stegemann. My family and I moved to Louisville, KY in the summer of 2020 and bought a home on Bradley Avenue near Dairy Kastle and the Cottage Inn. Our now 6-year old son is already enjoying the neighborhood and we look forward to a life here enjoying him as he grows up.

As a newly committed member of this community, I am eager to make our world a better place and it starts with our immediate community, right? This is why I bring concerns to you today about what we have observed in our short two years on this street, occurring at the intersection of Bradley Avenue and Eastern Pkwy which is in view of our home.

I spend a lot of time in our backyard and as a result hear the awful sound of a car crash on an increasingly regular basis--this past 30 days it has been no less than 3 occasions. I'm told by one neighbor who lives on Eastern Parkway it is nearly a weekly occurrence. I've submitted an open records request to try and collect all of the traffic incident reports, but I am still waiting on results and you can expect a follow up from me once I have received them. You can see a few of these called out on second visual slide of the presentation I've distributed to you.

I've run down to that intersection multiple times to help the affected motorists, to make sure they are ok—my neighbors and myself have called 911 multiple times—and fortunately have not witnessed anything fatal at this point--that's not to say there have been no serious injuries or deaths at this intersection. There *have however*, been numerous totaled vehicles - and recurring physical property damage - trees, signs, lights and ... the leftover debris that remain in the streets for weeks and months.

But this is about more than just motorist safety at this intersection which is already very concerning, but also the dense pedestrian traffic that is present in the pathway of every motorist who leaves the roadway and crosses over the sidewalks and corners after losing control or impacting another vehicle.

You can imagine this concern starts with me imagining my own son waiting for the crosswalk at the corner to get an ice cream at Dairy Kastle when he's old enough to do so on his own---many of the accidents I've observed came across that very corner! My son is joined by 10's if not 100's of family's, strollers, dog walkers, seniors, some with disabilities, and college students all waiting at that light in the summer for what is a very popular spot to get ice cream or to go into the St. Joseph neighborhood. I don't want to wait for something involving pedestrians on any corner or the even the long line at Dairy Kastle before we decide to take action.

You can see on the first slide I provided to you, that there are many factors that contribute to this high incident rate: un-inhibited speed from the off ramp of I-65 into a sharp curve, difficult left-turns, and multiple blind spots to name a few. It's not hard to imagine why this can be a tricky and dangerous intersection and if you have ever personally traveled this route, I don't need to convince you further--nearly every one I mention this too immediately recognizes the intersection and agrees it's an issue.

I'm an engineer by profession so I know complex issues like these can have solutions but they require work and collaboration. I've proposed a few possible solutions on the final visual slide, but these are only to start a conversation. I'm asking this council to respond with meaningful next steps to either refer me to the appropriate jurisdiction or establish a contact within our community and look at planning real proposals that can be acted on. I appreciate your time today and the opportunity to speak, but this is about more than just raising awareness, it is about taking action and I hope you and the City of Louisville will take action with us, the community, to make our little piece of this world safer.

Safety Concerns at Bradley Ave and Eastern Pkwy

Neighborhood Representative and Property Owner: Adam Stegemann



Contributing factors to traffic incidents:

A) Drivers at interstate speed in excess of 50 mph coming off of I65. When light is green, they continue unimpeded.

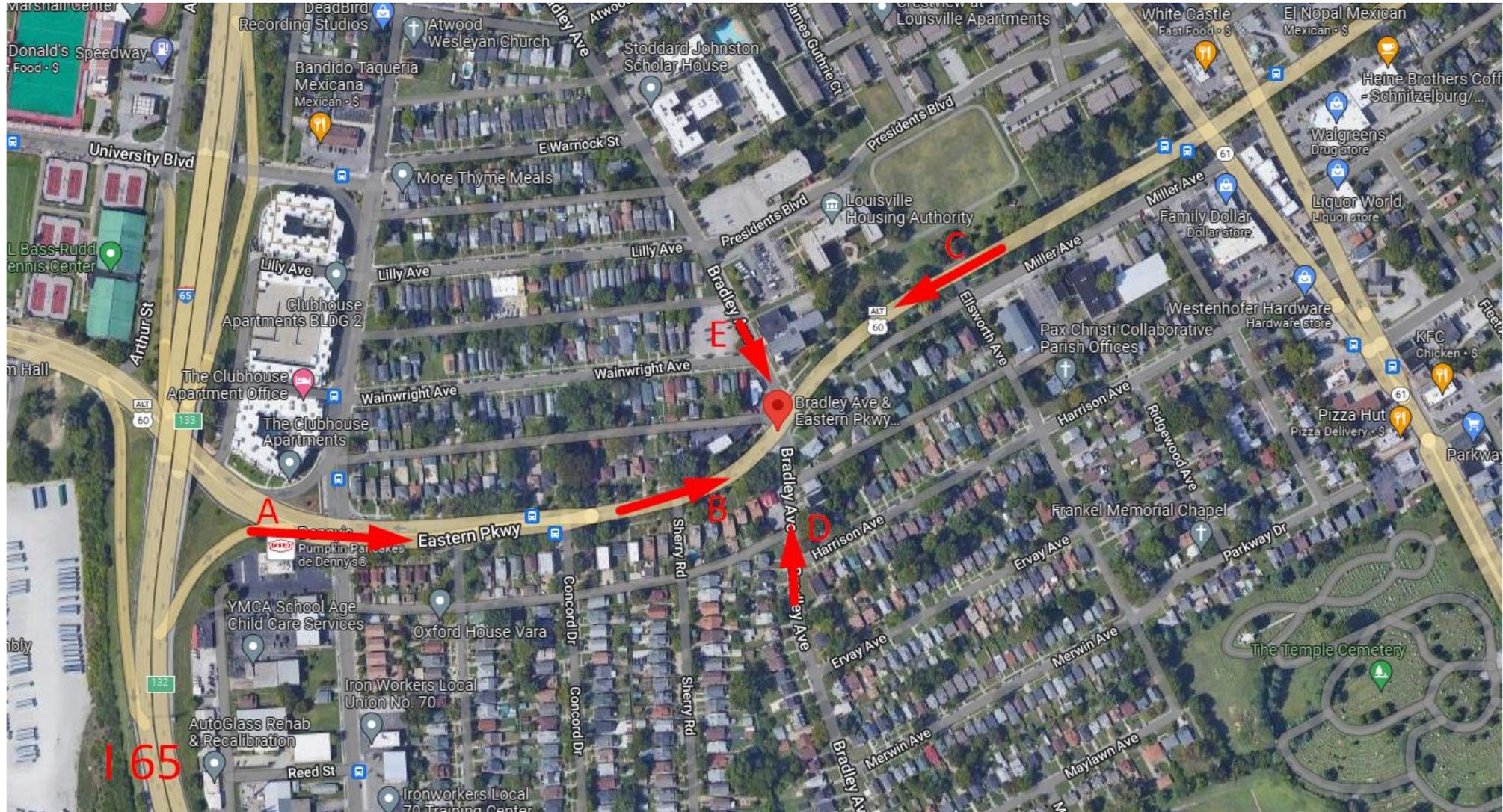
B) Blind curve taken at excessive speed leads to collisions and lost traction resulting in many cars leaving the roadway.

C) Coming from Preston Hwy Intersection, excessive speed is often reached by motorists.

D) Many motorists speed up to beat the yellow light and often fail (observed daily).

E) Also, where motorists will try to beat the light.

Intersection of Bradley Avenue and Eastern Parkway (Google Maps)



Accidents have been observed in the past two years...

...crossing over the corner at Cottage Inn (into the utility pole).

...into the yard and nearly into the living room with a small child on Eastern Pkwy.

...crossing over the corner adjacent to the church several times, taking down small trees.

...collapsing the entire traffic light cluster into the intersection.

...occurring between Eastern Pkwy bound motorists with cross traffic from Bradley numerous times as a result of running the red light.

...as a result of motorists attempting a left turn from Eastern Pkwy in both directions. Difficult to see traffic coming from the West (I65) because of the curve and misalignment of Bradley creates confusing left turn orientation for both directions.

Intersection of Bradley Avenue and Eastern Parkway (Google Earth)



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Possible Solutions:

A) Permanent Radar Sign to slow motorists down. (The temporary one placed in the past year by police had notable affect on the average speed we could observe passing through).

B) Left turning arrows for Eastern Pkwy where each direction takes turns.

B) Alternatively, widening to accommodate left turning lanes with left turning arrows.

There are many more possibilities in working with the city planners and traffic engineers to come up with creative solutions to ensure pedestrian and motorist safety at this intersection!

