

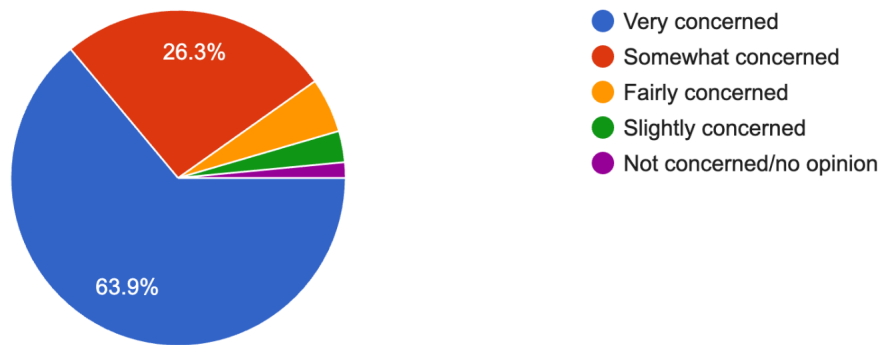
West Norwalk Association - 2024 Traffic Concerns Survey Results

133 Respondents

1. How concerned are you about road safety in West Norwalk?

133 responses

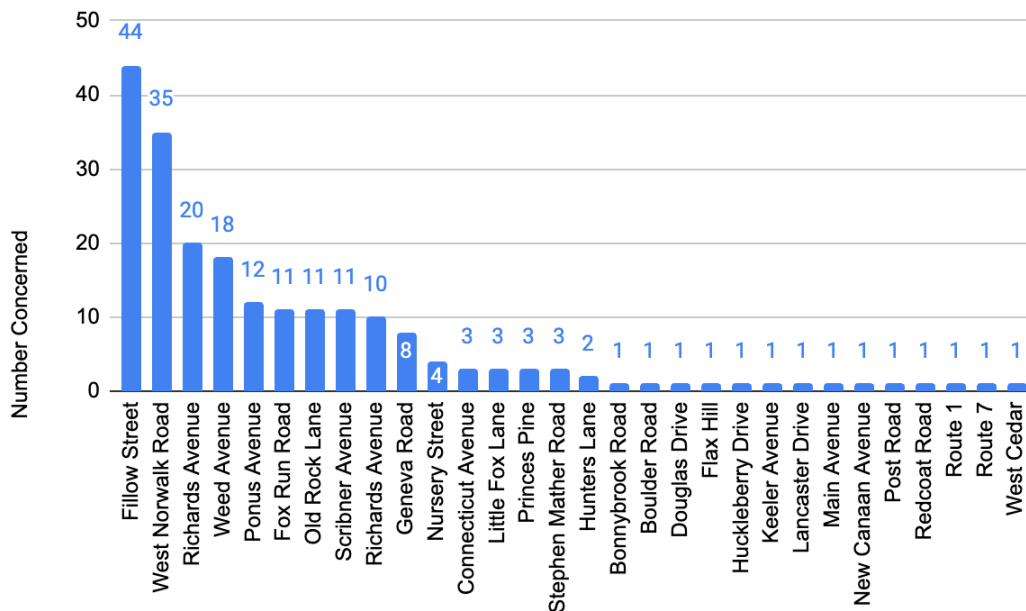
>90% of respondents answered 'very concerned' or 'somewhat concerned'



2. Along which street(s) do you have the most concerns about traffic, speeding and/or pedestrian safety?

128 responses

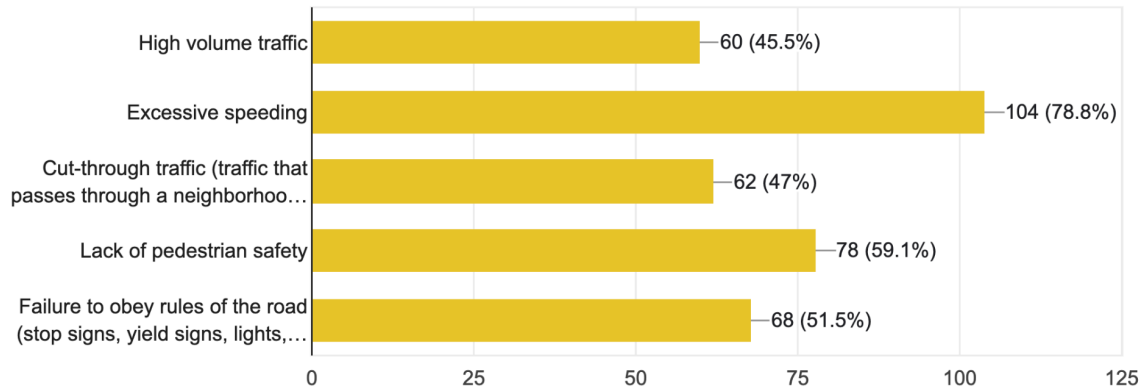
Streets of Concern



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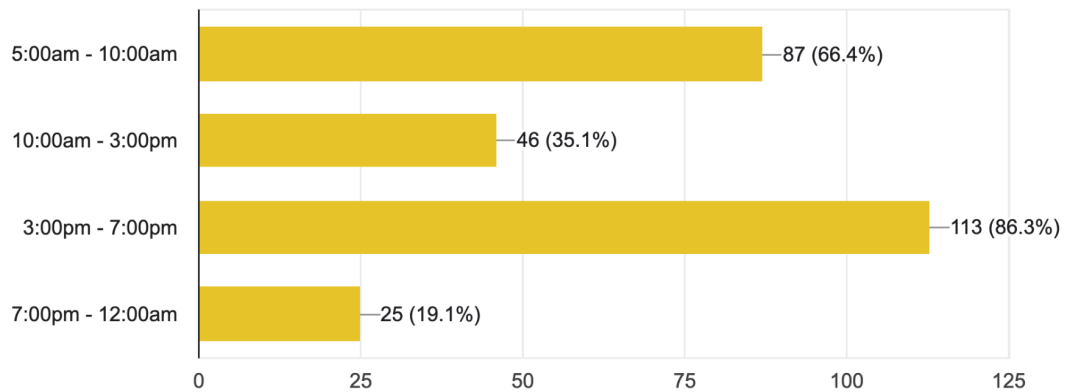
3. What traffic safety problem are you the most concerned with in West Norwalk? (Select all that apply)

132 responses



4. What times of the day do you have the most traffic concerns? (Select all that apply)

131 responses



5. Please list any additional questions/concerns that you have. (Synopsis; see Appendix for full list of responses.)

68 responses

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Speeding and Safety: Residents report excessive speeding, especially by large trucks and young drivers, making it unsafe to cross the roads or access mailboxes. Speeding is prevalent on West Norwalk Road, with concerns for children's safety and difficulty exiting driveways.

Traffic Control: Ignored stop signs at Fallow Street & Princess Pine Road and Weed Ave. & Old Rock Lane are mentioned. Suggestions include a 4-way stop at Stephen Mather Road intersection and Scribner & West Cedar intersection.

Enforcement: Lack of police presence and enforcement against speeding and reckless driving is a common concern. Residents seek more regular patrols or speed mitigating measures like speed bumps or cameras.

Infrastructure: Many roads lack sidewalks, creating unsafe walking conditions. The intersection of Fox Run and Ponus Ave is particularly dangerous. Requests for pedestrian crosswalks and flashing signs at key locations have been made.

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The large speeding trucks going excessively fast; huge trucks hauling huge loads should be banned to 123. The traffic off the Merritt for NCC should not be directed through our neighbor. Tons of speeding people from New Canaan which is posted at 25 mph as White Oak Shade goes down the hill and turns into West Norwalk Road. It is generally quiet at night from midnight to 5 AM Spring time lawn cleanup trucks and young Jeep drivers are out of control. And, no one who has to cross the road to g to their mailboxes is safe. No one !

The stop sign at Fillow & Princess Pine Road is many times completely ignored by traffic traveling on Fillow. The same for traffic on Weed Ave. at the intersection with Old Rock Lane.

There never seems to be any enforcement/accountability for those who speed on West Norwalk Road; I have seen no police presence in my time residing there, and cars seem to be able to do whatever they like with no treat of repercussion. Several sections of the street are "blind" making speeding cars even MORE dangerous.

What exactly is needed to prioritize this street with the city and either get regular police presence or add other speed mitigating measures (speed camera, flashing speed limit signs, etc.). Speed bumps would be welcome but I am unsure of the guidelines for where they can be installed.

What about adding a 4-way stop at the intersection of Stephen Mather Road?

Often see drivers go through the red light on the route 1 and Richards Ave. Also see drivers users their mobile phones while driving. Concerned over the rise in attempted auto thefts and home burglaries

Cars fly down West Norwalk at top speeds at all hours of the day. I am concerned about my kids playing out front, and would never allow them to walk down the road. I don't feel safe collecting my mail from the mailbox or walking to my direct neighbors house.

alot of blind spots on west norwalk road and excessive speeding is extremely dangerous. its unsafe to get my mail from mailbox between 3 and 7pm and difficult to get out of my driveway. i propose speedbumps.

Why not put a 4way stop sing at Scribner and west cedar intersection ? (particularly exiting shopping complex will be more convenient, as people are taking left turn any way)

Speeding

There are so many roads with no sidewalks that are very unsafe to walk

The intersection of Fox Run and Ponus remains problematic despite signage improvements- people come flying down the hill on Ponus, and disregard the stop sign facing up the hill; it's an accident waiting to happen. Crossing the street there with my young kids is really dangerous.

Getting out of the driveway is blood pressure raising. Cars, huge dump trucks, motor-cycles roar past at all hours of the day and night. The posted 25 miles per hour is rarely adhered to. At both stop signs where Fox Run and Ponus Ave. intersect coming up the road and the corner of Nursery and Ponus Ave. coming down. vehicles constantly speed up. Due to two curves in this area, even looking each way and listening twice one holds their breathe should a speeding vehicle suddenly appear before safely getting onto the road. Have had people pass on our left in the middle of the road rather than slow down and our stone wall crashed into 3 times. Never been a speed check.

I requested a pedestrian crosswalk at Orlando and Scribner but it will be looked at in 2025. Kids cross

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there for the bus stop, mine included, and we see many not stop at the stop signs there. Very unsafe.
What enforcement resources are the City willing to commit in the long and short term in order to address the safety issues associated with reckless driving and excessive speeding traffic in West Norwalk?
It literally took decades, until repaving, for city to paint a crosswalk at Fillow & Hunters. It would be nice if they could add the flashing signs that are at the crosswalk at Ponus MS.
Concerned about Richards Ave and intersections with Post Rd, W. Cedar and Old Kings Hwy. When is W. Cedar bridge going to be fixed/replaced?
Primary: Old Rock and Weed - high traffic streets with pedestrians, children, bicycles and dog walkers but no sidewalks. Cut-through traffic from the Merritt has skyrocketed since the end of COVID restrictions, exacerbated by the no left turn restriction onto Nursery in New Canaan. People walking with dogs and strollers, children walking to/from their school bus and bicyclists are all at imminent danger from speeding cars frequently exceeding 40 mph in a 25 zone on a narrow street with newly installed high curbs that make it difficult to get out of the way.
Excessively loud cars!
Increased traffic due to additional building of condos and Apts.
Motorcycle speeding is even faster!
Noise. Some vehicles are very loud. Especially motorcycles. Also there are landscaping vehicles (unmarked) that have questionable safety measures regarding the way they transport equipment and people. Do they have business licenses? Insurance? Also, school traffic in the morning on Hunters Lane can leave you trapped.
For the safety of all concerned speed traps should be considered.
Some time ago stop signs have become "yield" signs or "stop only if there are other cars." Weed-Fillow, Ponus-Nursery, Fillow-Fox Run, Richards-Fillow are the worst. Excessive speeding is the new normal in Norwalk. Surrounding towns where speed enforcement is more common are slightly better. How many officers are at construction sites and how many are involved with traffic enforcement on an average weekday? Speed cameras, what are the new rules? Will Norwalk participate? Why are you putting a rotary at Richards-West Cedar? Unless you are taking property, I don't see how it fits. How about some signs like Darien has along Brookside that say "Bike right. Walk Left. Drive Safe." along roads without sidewalks. Sidewalk repaving along Fox Run road (only when the next road repaving)?
inadequate signage re: speed limits,
Our community has small children living up and down Ponus Ave between Fox Run and Nursery Rd. The community of Norwalk at large has a responsibility to care for our youngest and most vulnerable population. It's only a matter of time before someone gets hurt on these streets.
The sidewalk along West Norwalk Road badly needs to be extended North to at least the Fillow Street Stop sign! Over the course of the 50 years we have lived in West Norwalk there have been multiple car crashes at the curve in the road near Ravenwood intersection. Walking there is blind and DANGEROUS. There is no public transportation that comes out this way. Anyone seeking to catch a bus has to walk to NCC the road safety does not permit this safely.
Lack of responsiveness to requests for increased signage e.g. blind driveway warning.
Too many bike paths in the middle of the car lanes-really not safe!

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Narrow two way traffic
I routinely see people running the stop sign at Weed and Old Rock Lane
It would be great to get a video camera along the stretch of Fillow by the golf course? I think people will slow down if they think they are being video recorded. Or, even if there was just a sign and a visible fake camera just saying they are being filmed. .
Speed bumps will help
Over the years, we have seen very little police patrols. West Norwalk Road is of particular concern. Many cars flash by at speeds in excess of 40 mph. Over the past 40 years, many of our dog and cat pets have been killed.
Richards and Scriber. Richards and Ponus. Also any stop sign in West Norwalk. No one stops. Ever. Speed humps seem to work in some areas.
Construction trucks are using the neighborhood on upper Richards Ave. to cut through when they should be using route 123 which is commercial. We would LOVE there to be a "no through trucks" sign on Richards Ave. Also on Geneva and Little Fox, you can't really walk safely (no sidewalks) and cars speed a lot.
Unsafe use of West Norwalk Road by bike riders. Accident waiting to happen.
Is A speed bump or two along Weed Ave a possibility?
What can be done? Speed signs , speed bumps, cameras ? What has worked elsewhere? Are there any plans for our neighborhood? West Norwalk/ Stephen Mather is used as a huge commercial cut through with dump trucks, tractor trailers, contractors, etc. Traffic volume drops significantly and is more speed appropriate on Sundays and in the evening after work hours- volume more in line with local traffic.
Speeding has always been a problem. However once you painted a double yellow line in the middle, the cars all drive close to the edge of the road with low visibility. After having to actually dive off of the road a number of times to avoid being struck by cars, I have ceased walking on my street. Someone had the genius idea of putting signs that measure speed, with absolutely zero enforcement. It appears now that the town has proven they can measure how fast you go, but not do anything about it, people go faster knowing they are safe.
Weed btwn Fillow & Old Rock lacks a footpath. It's heavily used by pedestrians & dogs, incl. access to Lakota Oaks. I've walked it hundreds of times and believe it would not be too difficult to add footpath: on west side from Fillow to #9 Weed, then on east side from there to Old Rock or ideally to Lakota entrance. If a neighbors petition would help, I'd be willing to spearhead that effort. -Rich Roller, 272 Fillow St, 203-299-0728
Seems as though Norwalk government is more interested in collecting taxes at the expense of quality of life. So many areas of the city have become overcrowded with apartments or big box stores. Trees are being cut down and habitats ruined - God only knows the ripple effect on neighborhoods like flooding. I think balance has been lost driven by greed.
Need more stop sign enforcement. All over the city, it seems as if stop signs are optional. This is even evident with police vehicles. Concerned about Scribner Ave and Orlando. There is a bus stop and very few cars stop at the four way stop sign from any direction. Especially noticed during pickup and drop off times.
Overgrown and poor condition of sidewalk along w high speed of cars makes walking on Keeler Ave

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dangerous
Norwalk is getting too built up with a dated infrastructure that can't handle it. Also a gigantic shikh on 1 acre of property on Richards Ave in a residential neighborhood is the stupidest thing ive ever seen.
High volume of cars do not stop at Weed and Fillow and weed and old rock.
We are lucky to have a Lotta new families in my neighborhood but that means a lot of little kids playing and the cars go by here too fast as a cut through street (Boulder Road). Love to put a Soren bump in.
Weed Ave (need sidewalk!), intersection Nursery & Ponus, intersection of Nursery & Weed
Road seems unusually narrow.
No one stops at stop signs on fillow/weed and weed/old rock
The building of the new temple on Richards will increase concerns 100%+; proactive planning - high volume, noise pre/post construction,, lack of parking, private neighbor disruption during peak worship hours
When is construction on this part of the Merritt going to be completed?
No safe space for children to walk home from school!
Drivers do not stop at stop signs at the intersection of Richards Avenue and Fillow Street
Need for sidewalks (or at least shoulder) for pedestrian safety (eg W Norwalk Rd - unsafe for walking. Fast traffic plus shrubbery right up to pavement in some spots so no margin for walking; no shoulder.
Also: Difficult to cross road to mailbox due to fast traffic. Mailboxes only on - side on WNR. Dangerous to cross.
Put in speed bumps or more of the speed monitoring signs (like the permanent one on Geneva). It was super to have the temporary one on Old Rock Lane in the winter time, it really tamped down speeding. Also, a new Canaan resident mentioned that once New Canaan put up the No Left Turn during rush hour sign at the intersection of Weed and Nursery, google maps started diverting all of the traffic that used to run on Nursery to avoid the Merritt in a more southerly direction, on Old Rock Lane. When there is traffic on the Merritt, the volume (and the speeding) on Old Rock lane spikes.
the number of cars speeding along West Norwalk Road in both directions is far too high. Can signs indicating 'your speed' be installed to help? There were a couple that appeared and ten disappeared quickly near the vicinity of Ravenwood / Watering Lane. They might be helpful to slow the speeding traffic.
Very much looking forward to the coming improvements to Richards and Fillow intersection to make it safer for us to walk to Fox Run.
I like last year's improvements to Geneva to begin to address speeding, but enforcement is needed particularly with the commercial trucks.
Enforcement is also needed on Richards/Geneva in the evenings to control the "hot rods" who like to race loops around Geneva/Fillow and create an extreme noise disturbance along with the dangers their speeding poses.
The new curb size on Old Rock Lane - Princes Pine

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We have a blind driveway and can't see to get out. Even using our mirror we have narrowly avoided getting hit! When the cars are speeding there is no time to stop without hitting someone coming out of the driveway! We have already submitted requests for speed traps near our driveway and a sign indicating a hidden driveway.

everyday speeding continues on Geneva Road/ Not safe for children or anyone attempting to walk !!! ALSO, the new structure being proposed on RICHARDS AVE. will have issues for walkers and parking on side streets !

The conditions of the rd on WN rd are ridiculous. Half the cars drive in the middle if not over the double yellow lines at ridiculous speeds and god forbid anyone walk along the street, they take a big risk. It's curvy, dark, trucks all day, speeding, poor conditions, highway driving on country roads, nothing positive to add. Fillow which we live on is also insane. The drivers come around the curve at insane speeds. I run on these rds and have to jump to the grass constantly to avoid crazy drivers. This should never have the truck traffic it has. They should not be allowed on these roads as their shortcut to New Canaan and Parts of Norwalk. Lawn workers barrel around turns going way over into the other side and cars literally have to move to the curb. Geneva to Fillow is a shortcut that has ruined that street. They need speed bumps or more stop signs to try to cut that traffic down. Maybe no truck traffic would solve some of the issues. They need to stick to main rds built for their size, another reason West Norwalk Rd need help! Old Rock and Princes Pine were done and look great. West Norwalk and Fillow get 5 X the traffic and need a major facelift!

Increased congestion that will affect the neighboring area to the Gurdwara Sikh Temple that will be constructed on Richards Ave. Its congregation is disproportionate in size to the limited number of parking spaces the land allows.

Can we add speed humps?

I bet about 20% of cars actually stop at the intersection of Richards Ave and Fox Run. The ones turning left onto Richards from Fox Run seem to be the biggest offenders. Also very concerned about increased traffic when the Gudwara is complete.

NCC bike path signs don't make sense. The sign says bike zone ends, but the painted marks on the road continue to show a bike line. Then immediately after the college are bike lane signs with garbage bags over them.

There are many cars that are loud and going faster than they should on Fox Run Road, and I hear them at various times of day. Also, when I pull out of my driveway and begin to go 30 m.p.h. per posted speed limit and lower even near Fox Run School, I am met with tailgaters who want to go faster. It is important that all of the "my speed indicators" are working on both Fox Run and Richards Ave. Particularly dangerous is how fast the cars come down the hill from Ponus Ave. leading to Fox Run which is in close proximity to where I live.

Finally, Fox Run used to be a nice wide road after it got widened from the narrow, country lanes back in the 1970's. Unfortunately, it is now back to somewhat narrow lanes since the driving area has been taken away with the newly lined bike lanes. It is one thing for the bikes to use them going in the same direction as cars, but when you are driving along one of the curves and/or hidden hills, and there is someone so close to the line not paying attention and then a person walking with a baby carriage walking toward the oncoming car (which is the correct direction for them), there is a startling upset of a dangerous feeling of what could happen. If anything, these people would be best to use the footpath that is there as they could even get hit by a bike going toward them. Just my observation that it is now much more precarious to

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drive on Fox Run Road with everyone hugging more toward the yellow lines and sometimes going over them. It felt much safer the way it was before.

Way too much traffic on Richards Ave with people just passing through. Hard to turn off our street (ridge farms)

Too many cars

Too much traffic, don't want additional traffic due to Sikh

The speed at which people travel on Fillow near Oak Hills is insane. Also there are a lot of extremely loud cars (made so intentionally) that is a real breach of peace. This is after five PM Id say and anytime on weekends. Loud mufflers, cars that have shooting noises etc. The only solution I can see are cameras as I dont think speed bumps would be a good solution. That would cause bueses and trucks to slow down which would make matters worse.