

Richwood Place is a small neighborhood bounded by Shepherd Dr (W), Richmond Ave (N), Dunlavy St (E) and Highway 59/Interstate 69 (S). At present, some of the cross streets (1900 Block Norfolk St, 1900 Block Lexington St, 1900 Block Portsmouth St) have existing traffic calming devices. Only one intersection has a 4-way stop (Lexington/Hazard). Shepherd Dr and Richmond Ave both contain abundant commercial traffic generators (stores, restaurants, etc.). The recent construction of the Big Tex Storage complex along Richmond, and the planned expansion of the Fairmont Museum District Apartments on the east side of Woodhead will add to traffic concerns within our neighborhood. In addition to the local business traffic, commuter traffic cuts through our neighborhood at various times during the day (spillover from Shepherd Dr, and feeding off I-69 at the frontage road ramp/Hazard St located immediately south of our neighborhood). Construction along Shepherd Drive can also lead to periodic diversion of traffic through our neighborhood.

Hazard St runs south from Richmond Avenue, through Richwood Place, across I-69, and to Poe Elementary School. Numerous children within our neighborhood utilize Hazard St as a pedestrian corridor across I-69 to Poe Elementary School (located at Hazard St and North Blvd). Vehicles exiting I-69 and travelling north encounter a 4-way stop at Lexington/Hazard St. However, there is not a stop sign or traffic calming device until they reach the intersection of Hazard St and Richmond Ave (traffic light). There is a tendency for cars to accelerate rapidly northbound from Lexington St. Near misses (screeching brakes, horns) occur at the intersection of Norfolk St and Hazard St on a regular basis.

Additional proposed streets to receive traffic calming devices include 1800 Block Lexington St, 1800 Block Norfolk St, and the 1800 Block Portsmouth St. These streets run E-W between Hazard St and Woodhead St. Excessive speeds along these streets have also been noted. These corridors are important as they provide pedestrian access across our neighborhood to the City of Houston's Dunlavy Park.

Calming traffic speeds along these residential streets will improve the quality of life and overall pedestrian safety within our neighborhood.