



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

EMERGENCY HEARING ORDER REGARDING TRAFFIC SAFETY AT THE INTERSECTION OF DORCHESTER AVENUE, ROSECLAIR STREET, & MT. VERNON STREET

WHEREAS, The intersection of Dorchester Avenue, Roseclaire Street, and Mt. Vernon Street in Dorchester is a high-traffic area that serves as a central hub for residents, local businesses, and nearby schools; and

WHEREAS, Despite the presence of crosswalks, the intersection currently lacks critical safety infrastructure such as traffic lights or crossing guards, which has led to increasingly dangerous conditions for pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, Students from the community, including Caroline Richardson, have raised urgent concerns through a petition calling for immediate action to address these unsafe conditions, citing personal accounts of pedestrian injuries and unsafe vehicle speeds; and

WHEREAS, The petition notes that the intersection experiences a constant and fast-moving flow of vehicles, including reports of serious crashes and near-misses, and highlights the voices of residents and business owners who witness these risks daily; and

WHEREAS, Caroline's petition references the City of Boston's own "*Safety Surge*" initiative, which aims to prioritize intersections near parks, schools, and community centers for safety improvements—criteria that clearly apply to this location; and

WHEREAS, This hearing is being filed as an emergency because the situation demands immediate attention to prevent further injury or potential loss of life, and to affirm that when young people raise their voices to advocate for community safety, their local government listens and responds;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold an emergency hearing to evaluate immediate and long-term traffic calming and pedestrian safety measures at the intersection of Dorchester Avenue, Roseclaire Street, and Mt. Vernon Street, and to hear directly from students, residents, and business owners about the safety challenges they face. The Committee is requested to invite representatives from the Boston Transportation Department (BTD), Public Works, Boston Police Department, and Boston Public Schools, as well as petitioners and local stakeholders.