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Commission sur le transport et les travaux publics

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Object: On the Way to School: Safety and Active Mobility – Request for Action

Hello,

I am a parent of a child who attends Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School. We also live in the area. The school zone is a busy place especially at drop-off and pick-up times, and the traffic flows very quickly along rue Bélanger (Figure 1). The speed limit is 40km/h in this area which is too fast for a school zone. Cars turn the corner from Bélanger onto Chabot quickly and speed up the street often not taking the time to check if someone is on the cross walk (Figure 2). I have witnessed a car hitting a biker at this intersection. It is a dangerous intersection and measures need to be taken to stop traffic at the intersection and to slow traffic in the area.

I propose the follow actions be taken to increase the safety of the school zone:

- Add 4-way stops at:
    o rue Bélanger and rue Chabot,
    o rue Bélanger and rue Cartier,
    o rue Bélanger and rue Bordeaux

- Employ a crossing guard/brigadaire at the Chabot-Bélanger intersection during drop-off and pick-up times.

- Reduce the speed limit on rue Bélanger from 40 km/h to 30 km/h (it is a school zone).

- Install signage informing vehicles driving on rue Bélanger that it is a school zone and that a cross walk is present.
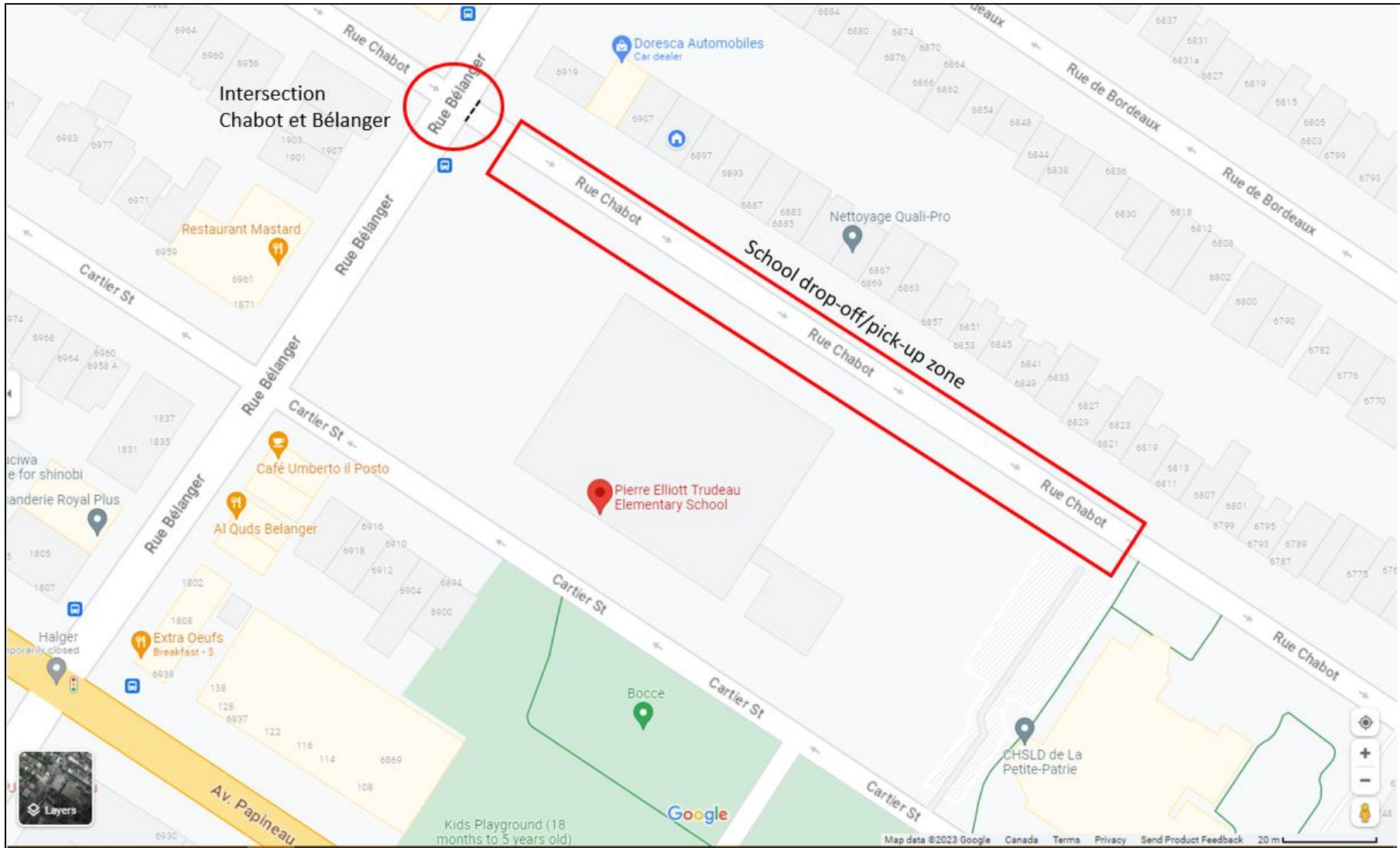

Sincerely,

Christina Snow

Figure 1. Image showing Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School drop-off and pick-up zones and the Chabot – Bélanger intersection. A 4-way stop and a reduction in the speed limit is needed to slow traffic and help make the cross walk at the intersection safer.

Figure 2. Image showing the Pierre Elliot Trudeau Elementary School grounds and the Chabot-Bélanger intersection. Cars turn the corner quickly and speed up rue Chabot. A 4-way stop and a reduction in the speed limit would make the area safer for the children attending the school and the families who live in the area.