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HANFORD CA RESIDENT CALLS FOR FARGO AVENUE TRAFFIC FIXES



In Hanford, California, a resident named Anthony raised serious traffic safety concerns on Fargo Avenue during the July 1, 2025, City Council meeting, highlighting dangerous driving conditions in this Central Valley neighborhood. His detailed account of speeding and accidents prompted Mayor Travis Paden to acknowledge the issue, signaling potential steps to improve public safety in Hanford.

Speeding and Accidents on Fargo Avenue

Anthony, who has lived in Hanford's Fargo Avenue area since 2021, addressed the council during the public comment session, describing hazardous traffic between 11th Avenue and Aspen. "In the Fargo areas became pretty dangerous for traffic," he said, noting vehicles speeding at "about 55 miles an hour" in a zone with a 25-35 mph speed limit. He recounted a recent incident where "someone plow through my trash cans and completely demolish their mirrors because there's nothing controlling the speed limit." Anthony also reported "passing on the right-hand shoulder" and "plenty of accidents where two or three car pileups" occur due to drivers making turns. These conditions threaten residents in this [busy Hanford](#) neighborhood, a concern echoed in growing Central Valley cities.



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Push for Traffic Calming Solutions

Anthony urged the council to implement measures to curb reckless driving. "Maybe some speed bumps or something at least where they can't pass on the shoulder for the safety of those around," he proposed, emphasizing the need to protect "neighbors or the, you know, citizens that have bought houses there." He expressed concern about pedestrian safety, stating, "It's a matter of time. Who knows? Maybe they hit a pedestrian. Maybe they kill someone else." Anthony [confirmed](#) that "parking enforcement's been out there before," but no significant controls have been implemented. His call for action highlights the need for infrastructure updates in Hanford, where urban [growth challenges road safety](#).

Council's Response and Community Concerns

[Mayor Travis Paden](#) responded by asking, "Have you reached out to our police department?" indicating awareness of the issue. Anthony's testimony underscores the impact of speeding on Fargo Avenue, described as "right in between 11th and Aspen," where residents face daily risks. The lack of traffic controls affects families and commuters, a pressing issue in [Hanford as the city](#) balances growth with safety, similar to challenges in Fresno and Visalia.

Path Forward for Hanford

While the Hanford City Council did not schedule a specific agenda item to address Fargo Avenue's traffic concerns, Mayor Paden's question suggests the issue is on their radar. Anthony's plea for speed bumps or other measures may prompt future discussions to ensure safer streets in this Central Valley community.