

MEMORANDUM

LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
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To: Fred Schneider P.E., County Engineer
From: Noble Olasimbo, AICP Transportation Planning
Date: May 3, 2012
Subject: North Hancock Corridor Traffic Safety Study March 19, 2012 Public Meeting Summary

Lake County Public Works staff takes public input as one of the most important aspects of North Hancock Corridor Traffic Safety Study. The Public Meetings goal is to allow a forum for public participation, the ideas and concerns of the community can be taken into consideration and incorporated into the improvement recommendations where possible.

Prior to the public meeting held on March, 19, 2012, residents within the study area were notified by direct mailings project Newsletter and News Release about the meeting date. Legal advertisements were also placed in the two most-widely circulated newspapers in the study area, the Orlando Sentinel – Lake Edition, and the Daily Commercial. A summary of the public meetings comments and speakers card at the March 19, 2012 is attached to this memo for your review. We have about 65 citizens signed in and 7 citizens' public comments at the meeting.

We also received hand writing comment cards, email comments and letter from City of Clermont, and letter from Lake Sumter Community College. The letters from the City of Clermont and Lake Sumter Community College, speaker cards summery, and emails are attached for your review.



Summary of the Speakers Comments on March 19, 2012

North Hancock Speaker Comments:

Speaker 1- Dick

- Driveway Access proposal is interesting to LSCC
- Stated that the College plans on primary access points on Oakley Seaver and Legends Way
- Future comments may come later after final report and future expansion of College
- Safety is top concern
- Planning for future expansion

Speaker 2 - Jim

- Thank you for meeting
- Betterment of Clermont and Citizens
- Not much time to wait for government decisions
- Question Signal Approval
- Requested County Commissioners to fully review signal need
- Commissioner Parks responded to May meeting date

Speaker 3 – Judy

- Thank you for meeting
- Unique design/access situation
- SR 50 access changed during construction to eliminate right turn lane
- The turning radius off the access onto SR 50 is hard to turn
- Hancock Rd Access left turn is dangerous
- Sight distance due to curve where Diamond Club Dr is located
- Left turn crash from friend – she was hit by younger person going estimated 60 mph
- She wants a signal for the conflicts of the left turn movement
- The left turn is like Russian Roulette
- Stressed that the School Bus stops at the intersection on the curve – questioning location of stop
- If a signal is placed at this intersection then it would allow for the other intersections to be safer

Speaker 4 – Kal

- Thank you for the meeting and study
- He lives in Summit Green
- He questioned the options to be a band aid to the major problem
- Made a quote from the MUTCD about sound engineer judgment
- Near misses of crashes were not accounted for in the report

- Gave examples of US 27 and another one where fatality had to happen for signal to be installed
- Why does Johns Lake Rd at Hancock have a signal
- Asked for the signal to be reanalyzed

Speaker 5 – Ruth

- She lives in Summit Green
- Hancock Rd has seen an increase in traffic
- She stated she had driven past a LSCC traffic accident today
- North Hancock has people speeding on it
- There should be more signs for the speed limit placed on the road
- The area is no urban

Speaker 6 – Ginger

- She was angry after signal decision by the County Commissioners approval
- Worried about the use of tax payer money
- Thank you for the study

Speaker 7 – Carrel

- Insane to signal warrant
- U-turn not best option
- SR 50 left turn lane location should have been at Summit Green
- SR 50 right turn lane was taken away during widening construction
- Waiting for big accident



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Comment Card did not speak

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Please fill out your name and address

Name: ANDREW SCHNEIDER

Address: 859 WOLF CREEK ST

City, State, Zip: CLERMONT, FL

Phone Number: 518-996-9433

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CONSIDERATION OF 4 WAY OVERHEAD FLASHING AMBER
LIGHT OVER INTERSECTION OF HANCOCK RD AND
DIAMOND PLAYER DR.

(VISIBILITY)



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Engineering Division

Decided
not to speak

Please fill out your name and address

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City, State, Zip: Clermont FL 34711

Phone Number: 352-984-4377

Email: ckorringer@cfl.fl.com



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Name: Ruth J. Campbell

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City, State, Zip: Clermont, FL 34711

Phone Number: 352-242-0165

Email: _____



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**Lake County Public Works
Engineering Division**

Please fill out your name and address

Name: Judy Proli

Address: 1620 Everest Street

City, State, Zip: Clermont FL 34711

Phone Number: 352-246-4718

Email: _____



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**Lake County Public Works
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Name: KAL HOLETZ

Address: 2405 PRAIRIE DUNES

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Phone Number: 352/241-7777

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Name: Jim Furus

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City, State, Zip: CLERMONT FL 34711

Phone Number: 407-810-5188

Email: _____



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**Lake County Public Works
Engineering Division**

Please fill out your name and address

Name: Dick Scott (LSCC)

Address: 3303 Site to See Ave

City, State, Zip: Eustis, FL 32726

Phone Number: 483-6430

Email: scottk@lsc.edu

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Jim Stender
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Lake Sumter
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LAKE COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

April 20, 2012

Ms. Leslie Campione
Lake County Commissioner
Post Office Box 7800
Tavares, FL 32778

Dear Ms. Campione:

Leslie

The April 17, 2012 meeting of the Lake-Sumter Community College District Board of Trustees was held on our South Lake campus. At this meeting our staff shared the overview of the County staff's North Hancock Corridor Traffic Study and recommendations with the Board. Following the presentation and discussion the board voted for me to write a letter on their behalf stating its concern about protecting LSCC's entrances, especially on Oakley Seaver Drive. The Trustees certainly appreciate the sensitivity of this issue and want to support a solution that will ensure the safety of all those who use the Hancock Corridor in the most cost effective manner possible.

We thank the Lake County Department of Public Works for their very professional and timely follow up in producing the study. We believe their recommendations are sound and encourage the Commission to support the study recommendations.

Sincerely,

Charles R. Mojock

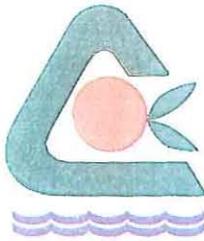
Charles R. Mojock, Ed.D.
President

Cc: Mr. Darren Gray

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CITY OF CLERMONT

Office of the City Manager

April 13, 2012

Jim Stivender, Public Works Director
Lake County
437 Ardice Avenue
Eustis, FL 32726

Dear Mr. Stivender,

The Clermont City Council at their meeting held Tuesday, April 10, 2012 reaffirmed their continuing support for a traffic signal at the Summit Greens entrance on North Hancock Road. They further suggested that in the event the Board of County Commissioners decides to not install a signal, that consideration should be given to lowering the speed limit along this segment of North Hancock Road. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions or would like to further discuss the City's concerns.

Sincerely,

Wayne Saunders
City Manager

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Cc: Lake County Board of County Commissioners



Part I: Please fill out your name and address

Name: Scott Harrison
Address: 2351 Fernside Dr
City, State, Zip: Chamblee GA
Phone Number: 404-525-2222
Email: scott.harrison@att.net

Part II: Comments

We encourage you to provide your comments below in reference to the project to ensure that they are considered by Lake County. If additional space is needed, please enclose additional pages. Comments must be postmarked by March 31,, 2012

Are you a resident of the area, business owner, property owner, concerned citizen?
Where is your property or business located?

Do you have any concerns regarding the existing corridor?

Please provide any general questions, comments or concerns you may have.

Handwritten notes:
~~Business owner~~
residence
No, out of business. I'm a resident.
I don't go south side - always go it
Please provide any general questions, comments or concerns you may have.
Early morning - intersection with (cock) way
dark at night can not see full left turn
young mother
isn't like passing through residential area

If mailing this comment sheet, please submit this form to:

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Lake County Public Works
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Part I: Please fill out your name and address

Name: Linda & Harry Drives
Address: 2796 Highland View Circle
City, State, Zip: Clermont, FL 34471
Phone Number: 352-243-8911
Email: drivesL@hotmail.com

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Are you a resident of the area, business owner, property owner, concerned citizen?
Where is your property or business located?

property owner - Summit Greens; at above address

Do you have any concerns regarding the existing corridor?

Yes, if Diamond Players (at Summit Green exit) has a rt. only, driver is forced to immediately change to left lane. Therefore, we favor not making it a right turn only.

Please provide any general questions, comments or concerns you may have.

Excellent presentation & information.

We are hoping that a light will be placed at Oakley Seaver Dr. in the future.

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Another general concern: Trucks going down the hill on N Hancock use lake brakes which creates a lot of noise for residents.



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Name: Dick Scott (Lake-Santer Community College)
Address: 3303 Site to See Ave
City, State, Zip: Eustis, FL 32726
Phone Number: 483-6430
Email: Scottre@lsec.edu

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Where is your property or business located?

Business: Lake-Santer Community College

Do you have any concerns regarding the existing corridor?

Please provide any general questions, comments or concerns you may have.

Thank you for the traffic study; it is good to have updated data to work from. We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of options other than just traffic lights. We at the College believe in the future there will be a need for a light at Oakley Seaver & Hancock.

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Olasimbo, Noble

From: Linda Cousins [anoleslady@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2012 5:23 PM
To: Olasimbo, Noble
Subject: Corridor study of North Hancock Road

Mr. Olasimbo,

I received a notice regarding the N. Hancock Corridor Traffic Study from Lake county. The Project Location Map shown on this notice, does not clearly indicate W. Point Blvd., which is directly across from Diamond Club Rd. The absence of W. Point Blvd. on this map does not clearly identify the problem at this intersection.

The curve to the north of this intersection (Diamond Club Rd. and W. Point Blvd.) makes it difficult for residents to exit from their respective communities. Added to this problem is the fact that this is a school bus stop. Diamond Club Rd. also services the golf course and restaurant making this a busy intersection.

I attended a Lake County commissioners meeting when a traffic light at this intersection was rejected after having been approved. At no time during this meeting did any commissioner mention that this intersection has two communities crossing N. Hancock Rd., Summit Greens and College Park. Only one community, Summit Greens was discussed.

My point is, that this map is inaccurate. W. Point Blvd. an entrance to a community with approximately 1,000 homes has been omitted and as a result the danger at this intersection is not depicted

Thank you for your time,

Linda Cousins

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To Whom:

I am a resident of Summit Green

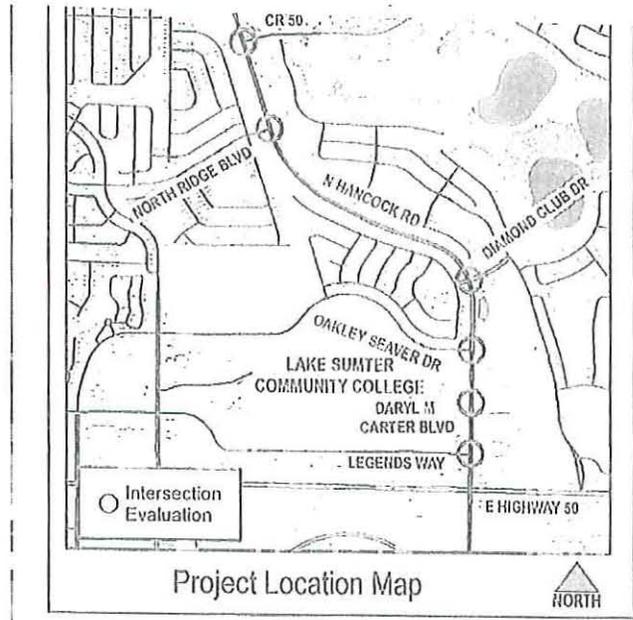
I, speak against, the light, exiting, for our residences, onto Hancock Rd.

There, are other areas, that the money can be used for, near a number of schools, in the district, but, some are "money" like Kindergartners, and I am sure, it, will be approved

How Sad

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Part II: Comments

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Are you a resident of the area, business owner, property owner, concerned citizen?
Where is your property or business located? I use Diamond Club drive 2-4 times daily.

Do you have any concerns regarding the existing corridor? I applaud you on your study. I do not think we need a traffic light. It guarantees an extended stop when leaving Summit Greens. your no left turn
Please provide any general questions, comments or concerns you may have.

option with a "U" turn lane seems a very acceptable alternative to a light. I personally think no change is the best

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option. If you wait 10-20 seconds, at most, you can always successfully make your exit onto Hancock. Please - No light

Olasimbo, Noble

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 1:29 PM
To: Olasimbo, Noble
Subject: N. Hancock Corridor Traffic Study

Mr. Olasimbo,

I am a resident of the area and my home is also my business.

I appreciate all of the work that went into the N. Hancock Corridor Traffic Study and commend the team that presented the plans for the corridor.

As a resident of Summit Greens I would like to share some ideas with you that may help in future communications with the residents here and in other communities.

What I heard last night, leads me to believe that the residents have not been previously told or did not hear that a left turn is the most dangerous. Additionally, that the traffic control planned for Summit Greens is in their best interest. Perhaps if told that this is the accepted design model for intersections such as this it would help. Also, if shown on a map that the turn was only 600' north before turning and that the turn would allow them to have better line of sight, may have helped.

Further, I don't believe they understand that a signal cannot be installed on emotion. It must meet warrants. I know that the team went over, in great detail, what the study showed, but their emotions prevented them from understanding that an unwarranted signal cannot be added just because this is a retirement community.

I realize that a small group of residents can be the loudest but there are many among us that understand the process that needs to be followed.

If given another opportunity, at the County Commissioners' meeting in May, maybe some of these items could be brought up.

[REDACTED]

City of Clermont Administration

Feb 23rd 2012

Assistant City Manager, Ms Tina Williams

685 West Montrose Street

Clermont, Fl., 34711-0219

(352) 394-4081; (352) 394-7177

To whom it may concern:

I am writing on behalf of a public safety concern as it pertains to a particular three lane intersection within your city limits. The intersection of Hancock Rd and Northridge Blvd is well traveled but lacks adequate illumination or lighting at night as early as 6:30pm EST in January which would naturally worsen on a cloudy night. The rolling hills and winding road of this area intersection though very beautiful and scenic could benefit from at least one additional light or lamp post especially on the Hancock side for safety reason. There is a single lamp bulb that is on the corner of Northridge Blvd at the dark side of Hancock Road but its span of illumination is quite limited to a narrow area considering the curvature or bend in the roadway of Hancock Blvd.

An additional public safety concern is that there are two identical stop signs one on each side of the corner of Northridge Blvd and Hancock Road that read or look the same. These eight sided octagonal shape stop signs are of red background and white letters. It appears that these two identical signs are causing confusion for at least one, and too many persons. One local official believes that one of these identical stop signs noted below is for pedestrian crossing instead of for the traffic of drivers of passenger vehicles. The sign does not have a walking person symbol on it. According to 2012 Florida Drivers Handbook, the reason these signs are present is for drivers to bring their vehicle to a complete halt at the marked stop line. If there is no marked stop line, stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection. If there is no crosswalk, stop at a point nearest the intersecting roadway where you have a clear view of approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway before entering the intersection. Hopefully in providing this information of how this unintentionally sets up scenarios for hazardous unsafe conditions which could lead to accidents or worse. Enclosed are photographs of the reference area. One possible solution is to set up traffic control signals and remove the stop signs which would meet future demands of the areas growth potential. You may have other ideas for solutions to reduce unsafe or hazardous impact of this specific three way intersection.

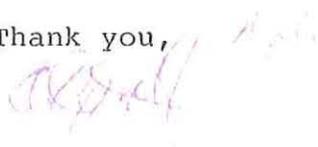
March 12th 2012

Traffic Operations

Dear Mr Dietz,

Thank you for taking the time out to adequately answer and respond to my question as it pertains to public safety issues or concerns. For your reference, I have enclosed a copy of a letter that was submitted locally to the city of Clermont. I was referred to you indirectly as the Clermont assistant city manager felt both roads were county operated. If you have further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to call or write.

Thank you,



Lastly, you may want to know that a serious accident has already occurred and the specific concerns outlined above may have been contributing factors.

So I am thanking you in advance for your time and attention to this urgent matter. To the extent possible, please apprise me of your follow through on this. If you have further questions or if there is more I can do on behalf of concerned residents to be helpful, please do not hesitate to call or write to me.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul J. ...".Faint handwritten notes in cursive script, possibly including a date and a name, such as "10/10/2000" and "Paul J. ...".

