

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mindy Sanders, P.E., City of Dunwoody

FROM: John Karnowski, P.E., PTOE, AICP

DATE: 6/8/2016

RE: N. Peachtree Rd Traffic Calming  
Public Meeting, June 7, 2016  
Notes and takeaways

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On June 7, 2016, the City of Dunwoody along with CALYX Engineers + Consultants conducted a public meeting to solicit input on possible traffic calming measures that could be used on N. Peachtree Road. Mindy Sanders from the City and John Karnowski from CALYX led the meeting. Councilman Doug Thompson was also in attendance.

Mindy discussed the City's policies regarding traffic calming. John presented some background data about N. Peachtree Road, including traffic counts and collected speeds. John then presented possible traffic calming measures for the roadway and allowed time for different groups of people to discuss their desired measures. Afterwards, John received input from 8-10 groups of people. The following is not an exhaustive summary of the comments received but is an overall sense of the discussion.

### **Input received:**

- About 70 people attended. Most were on the list of invitees but some lived just south of the study area on N. Peachtree Rd.
- The original petitioners are residents along N. Peachtree from Saffron to Mt. Vernon. Several from that road segment requested that their area be separated from the rest of the neighborhood for the purpose of deciding and agreeing on the eventual solution.
- A few people voiced concern about doing anything saying that there wasn't really a problem. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."
- Several people asked for all-way stops. John voiced his professional concerns with unwarranted all-way stops but left it to the City to decide if that was an acceptable solution.
- Most people asked for increased law enforcement.
- No clear consensus was achieved at the meeting although there was general agreement on a few items:
  - A mini-traffic circle at Saffron was generally liked. There was no clear consensus on a traffic circle at Davantry.
  - Median islands were generally well received if they could be made to look nice. Some people asked who would maintain the island or mini-traffic circles. John

suggested that this was typically done by a home owners association through dues or voluntary fees.

- The bike lane idea (for the purpose of narrowing the road) was received well.
- Some people asked if the road were striped for a bike lane would parking be allowed. John told them it would be allowed according to state law.
- There were no requests for raised intersections.
- There were some requests for more pedestrian safety accommodations like mid-block crosswalks.
- Several people voice concern over the somewhat high speed entry at Mt. Vernon.
- The church on Mt. Vernon Rd, opposite Jett Ferry Rd, plans to realign some driveways with Jett Ferry Road and reconfigure the traffic signal. Need to investigate this further to see how it may impact N. Peachtree Rd.

When asked about next steps, Mindy and John told the group that CALYX would present their recommendations to the City within the next 7-10 days. The City would present the recommendations to the affected homeowners and receive input from them. Once a final decision was made on what would be done, the homeowners would have to agree (65% of the affected property owners) to implement.

### **Takeaways/Recommendations**

From the input received, CALYX makes the following recommendations:

- Narrow the road by adding white, longitudinal striping 4-5' along the edge to create two 10' lanes. Do not add bike symbols or bike lane signs.
- Add median splitter islands approximately every 450-550'. See Detail
- Add a mini traffic circle at Saffron Dr. See Detail
- Extend longitudinal lanes to Tilly Mill Rd.