



Riedel Road Community Meeting Minutes April 9, 2025

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Erik Terry - Area Engineer, Traffic Engineering Division, AACO
James Jones - Community Engagement Officer, Office of County Executive, AACO
Sgt. Regina Collier - Anne Arundel County Police Traffic Safety
Jessica Ewing - Office of Councilwoman Shannon Leadbetter
Cpl. Tom Middleton - Anne Arundel County Police, Traffic Safety, Western District
Lisa Woolcock - Director, Crofton Downs
Heather Taylor, Briarleigh HOA
Cynthia Sobolewski, Crofton Farms HOA
Erin Aldrich Gray - HOA Chapman Farm
Eden Casterline - Crofton Square Condominium No.2/ Coventry 2 COA
Chuck See - Crofton Civic Association

Nestor Flores

- Presented slide deck with traffic study data. Slide deck as well as recording of the meeting is posted on the Riedel Road Community website located here:
<https://www.aacounty.org/public-works/highways/riedel-road-johns-hopkins-road>
- Confirmed traffic awareness week will occur 04/14 - 04/18
- Reiterated the need for the community to remain engaged with the meetings and communications as we move forward with our intentions

Sgt. Collier

- **Speed Cameras** - Riedel Rd is the next road on the list for a camera, however, they are having issues with the camera vendor slowing them down with permitting, etc. It will be installed soon and she will update us at the next meeting.
 - Camera for Johns Hopkins will stay in the same location, but moved to the other side of the road for about 4 months and then she will switch it back to its original location.

Cpl. Middleton

- **Oversize trucks on Riedel Rd** - Confirmed that he has performed targeted enforcement in the past for a good period of time in this area and does a lot of checks of the school during the daytime, and I'm back and forth between Nantucket Elementary and Crofton Middle School, and I'm also regularly checking 424. This will be something that I continue to patrol for and if it's the

same company I can try and figure out who they work for and who their manager is and speak out to the company since those trucks have GPS and can be tracked. I did that one time before with another company, and maybe it's a management error that they don't realize that their drivers are doing that, and maybe I can call them out on it. So I will work on that now that you brought up that they're going to the Highs and that will help me narrow it down. **Lisa confirmed that the trucks use Riedel at all different times of the day, but she especially sees them in the morning anytime before noon. She also sees the car carrier trucks using Riedel on Sunday evenings around 8pm - they usually park in the old Shoppers where Giant is now, and spend the night. Cynthia agrees that there is a large black trailer that carries cars and it was sitting in the middle of the lane near the water plant. I've seen the tanker truck numerous times when I am walking and it is stopped near the water plant as well, just not in the middle lane - it was off to the side as you're going toward 424. Many cars had to drive around it.**

Community Comments

Lisa Woolcock - I know the no thru truck signs have been installed - there are a couple of them up - but they're small - Maybe the truck drivers aren't seeing them, because we have more trucks on Riedel now than we did 2 years ago. I know they're not legally allowed to do that with their hazmat license. That's why there are no gas stations on Riedel to limit their reasons for being on the road. They're allowed to be on 450, but there should be no trucks on 424 as well as route 3 saying that - maybe they just have gotten away with it for so long that they are used to it now. I'm a little frustrated with it. They literally passed a school bus. Nestor responds that he will research what technology is available to us to make changes - we have cameras that we can mount to record which trucks are violating the signs - confirmed the truck came down on the north side of route 3 and used Riedel all the way down to 424 to get to the gas station. Nestor will discuss target enforcement with Cpl. Middleton.

Do we know when the speed limit for Johns Hopkins is expected to change to 30mph? Nestor responds that we are working with Sgt. Collier on a community advanced warning that the change is coming. We will email you with the expected date of change as soon as we have one.

What is the status of the crosswalk on Johns Hopkins? Nestor responds that he did the road diet analysis and it was confirmed that Johns Hopkins does qualify for the crosswalk. The road is nearing its time to be resurfaced and the crosswalk will be installed at the same time. It is also being changed from 4 lanes to 2 but we need to plan out how to configure the lanes - we will email the group with an update in about 2-3 weeks. We will need to inform the community via social media and/or a flier as well.

We were discussing the possibility of installing a roundabout for Johns Hopkins @ Riedel - would this alleviate congestion? Nestor responds that the roundabout would be a very long term project that we won't be able to simply "tie in" to the repaving project such as we did for the Johns Hopkins crosswalk. We do not have the budget for a roundabout at this time, however, if we stay together as a group and would like to implement the roundabout, we can do an in-house traffic study and pass our findings along to the Bureau of Engineering for design.

Jessica Ewing - Regarding all of the upgrades that we have discussed this evening - do we see any constraints on the budget as we're going into FY26? I ask because the budget does come before the council for review & I think that would be something important for the councilwoman to know as you're moving forward with design, phases, plans, construction, etc. *Nestor responds that as of now, the projects that are funded via the operating budget are pavement markings, traffic signs, the employee salaries, etc. Resurfacing is financed as a capital project, and every year, Infrastructure Management gets a chunk of money to resurface X number of roads. The FY26 funding has already been approved. The timing of the road resurfacing worked out perfectly with the timing of these requests by the community so we were able to piggyback our crosswalk onto that project.*