



Riedel Road Community Meeting Minutes June 11, 2025 - 6pm

Nestor Flores - Chief, Traffic Engineering Division, AACO
Erik Terry - Area Engineer, Traffic Engineering Division, AACO
Jessica Ewing - Office of Councilwoman Shannon Leadbetter
Angie Mateo - Office of Del. Stewart Smith
Cpl. Tom Middleton - Anne Arundel County Police, Traffic Safety, Western District
Lisa Woolcock - Director, Crofton Downs
Cindy Sobolewski - Crofton Farms Townhome Condominiums
Danielle - Johns Hopkins Community - Crofton Mews Association
Brooke Doerfler - Knolls Section 8
Brian Kemmet - Office of Councilwoman Julie Hummer

- 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>
- The group held a bi-monthly meeting to discuss traffic improvements and safety measures for Riedel and John Hopkins Roads.
- The meeting covered several key topics including crossing improvements, truck cut-through issues, and plans for traffic calming measures, with Nestor providing updates on signage, enforcement strategies, and future technological solutions. The group also discussed road redesign options for John Hopkins Road, speed camera installations, while addressing community concerns about safety and enforcement.
- Nestor provided an update on the crossing improvements south of Vineyard Ln, including updated in-ground signs. Future enhancements, such as embedded LEDs or rectangular rapid flashing beacons, are planned as budget allows. Cynthia suggested a similar flashing beacon crossing system to one on Benfield Boulevard, which Nestor confirms they are considering. Lisa raised concerns about light pollution affecting nearby residents, to which Nestor explained that modern technology allows for dimming at night and that the mature trees in the area will help minimize light intrusion.

- Discussed the ongoing issue of trucks illegally using Riedel Road as a cut-through and efforts to improve signage and visibility, but emphasized the need for signs on State Highway Route 3. TED has been unsuccessful with attempts to have SHA attend the meetings but will keep trying. Lisa noted that she was in touch with Del. Schmidt's office and confirmed that they have been able to reach the SHA and confirm that they are working on the signage. Suggested developing a targeted enforcement plan with Corporal Middleton, using Lisa's notes on illegal truck cut through activity, as requests to use license plate readers have been unsuccessful. Also discussed a new AI-based technology that will help track cut-through traffic in the future.
- Proposed adding a label to Riedel Rd on Waze and other GPS apps as a restricted road for thru trucks over 5 tons. Mentioned that speed limits have been lowered on Riedel and John Hopkins, with speed cameras adjusted accordingly. TED is working on implementing traffic calming measures, including six locations for medians or islands along Riedel Road - various designs are being considered, such as stamped concrete or landscaped medians and their placement to balance turn lane access with preventing illegal passing.
- Nestor discusses plans for temporary traffic calming measures, including breaking up turn queues to prevent drivers from passing on the left. He proposed creating a PDF to share with the committee for feedback and potentially sharing it with the wider community. Nestor clarified that some traffic calming structures on Waugh Chapel Rd were removed in the past for specific reasons, but the majority remain in place. The group agreed to implement temporary installations for 2-3 months before deciding on permanent solutions, with community input to be sought for the final decision.
- Nestor presented four options for redesigning Johns Hopkins Road as part of an upcoming resurfacing project. The group discussed the merits of different lane configurations, including bike lanes, turn lanes, and shoulders. Danielle suggested combining elements from options 1 and 3, while Cynthia and Justin emphasized the importance of having a center turn lane to reduce congestion. The group leaned towards option 3, which includes a center turn lane, two driving lanes, and a shoulder, as the best compromise for accommodating various road users and traffic needs.
- Nestor discussed options for road modifications on John Hopkins Road, focusing on the space outside the lanes. He mentioned that the Bike Commission and Office of Transportation might push for bike lanes. Danielle expressed support for the changes, noting that on-street parking isn't necessary for their community were a paving project to take place in their lots as they can park elsewhere near their building. The group voted on different options through a poll (results below), with Nestor explaining that the modifications would likely start from Falmouth Road and continue down to Riedel. They also discussed adding crosswalks, with Danielle suggesting a change to the proposed crosswalk location at Falmouth Road to align with existing wheelchair ramps and the pond.
- Nestor discusses plans for a traffic awareness week, asking the group to coordinate with Lisa on timing, suggesting late July or early August as potential options. He then addresses enforcement strategies with Corporal Middleton, who explains the need for multiple truck inspectors and communication between them to effectively enforce no-through truck regulations. Nestor also mentions the possibility of speed cameras on Riedel Road, which qualifies as a residential area, and will provide an update on the timeline for their implementation after meeting with Sergeant Collier.

- The meeting discusses the installation of speed cameras on Riedel Road and concerns about community input. Justin requests a pause on the installation and a new survey that includes his community. Nestor agrees to connect Justin with the County police who manage the speed camera program. The group also discusses the legal requirements for speed camera placement and ongoing efforts to improve road safety. Community members express appreciation for recent safety measures and police presence, while concerns about dangerous driving behavior are raised.

Action Items

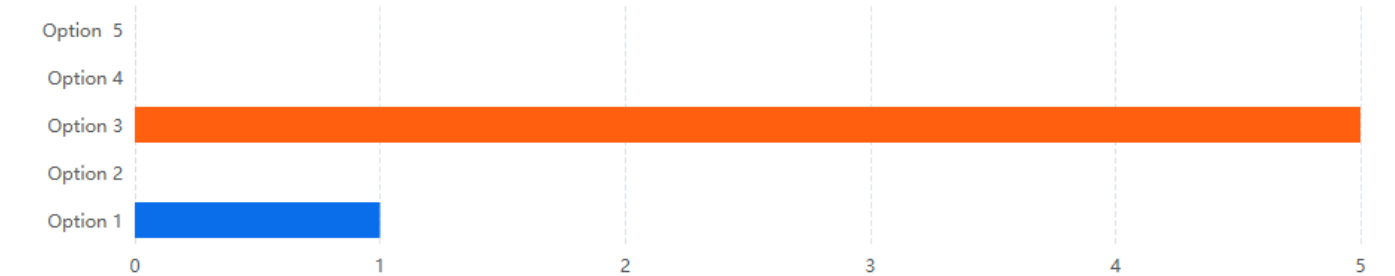
1. Lisa to inform Nestor of the preferred week for the next traffic awareness campaign.
2. Nestor to investigate adding "No Thru Trucks" restrictions to navigation apps like Waze and Google Maps. - Reached out to WAZE waiting on response (6/14/25)
3. Nestor to work with the signal shop to explore adding flashing lights to the enlarged "No Thru Trucks" signs.
4. Eric Terry to oversee the installation of larger "No Through Trucks" signs with flags.
5. Nestor to share the road diet options PDF with the committee for feedback. Completed - Will post on website with minutes, etc. (6/18/25)
6. Nestor to conduct a wider community survey on the John Hopkins Road diet options.
7. Nestor to connect Justin with Sergeant Collier and Lieutenant Brandt regarding the speed camera installation on Rydell Road. - Completed (6/12/25)
8. Ashley to include the results of the road diet options poll in meeting minutes. Completed (6/18/25)
9. Corporal Middleton to organize truck inspectors for targeted enforcement of the "No Through Trucks" restriction.
10. Nestor to follow up with Sergeant Collier about the speed camera installation schedule and include it in the meeting notes on the website. Completed. No set schedule yet. (6/13/25)

Road Diet Survey Results

1. Which Road Diet do you prefer? (Single choice)

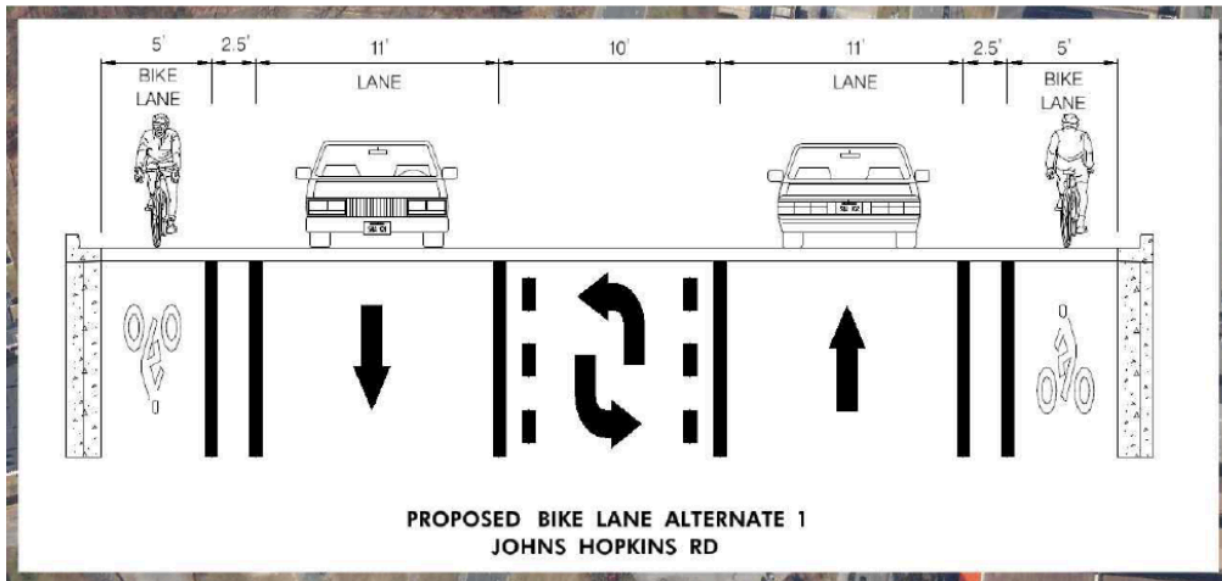


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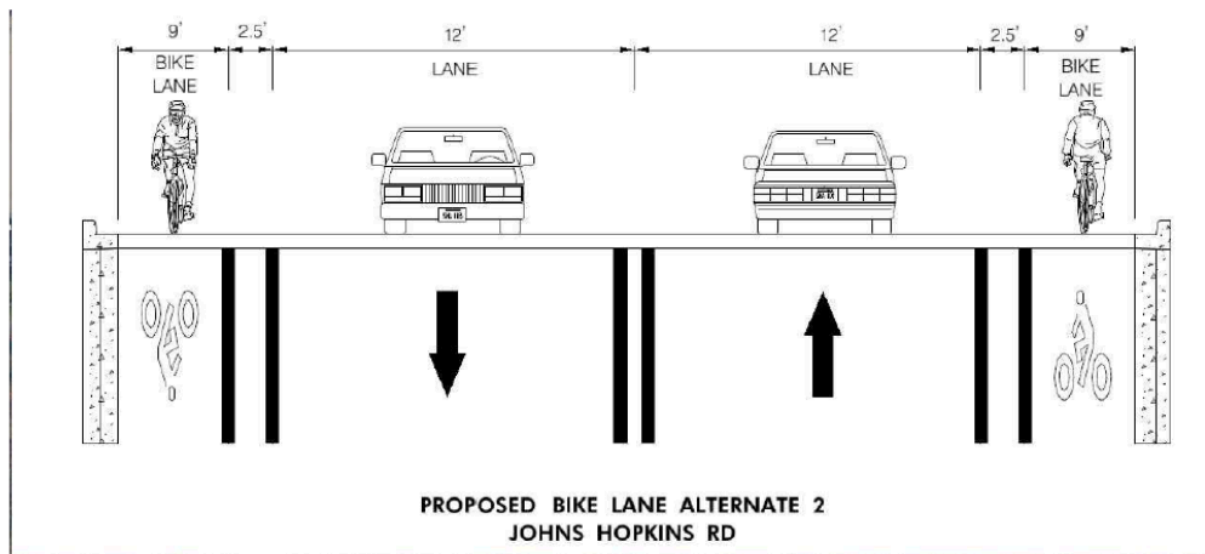
Options	Responses
Option 1	1/6 (17%)
Option 2	0/6 (0%)
Option 3	5/6 (83%)
Option 4	0/6 (0%)
Option 5	0/6 (0%)

Johns Hopkins Road - Road Diet Option 1



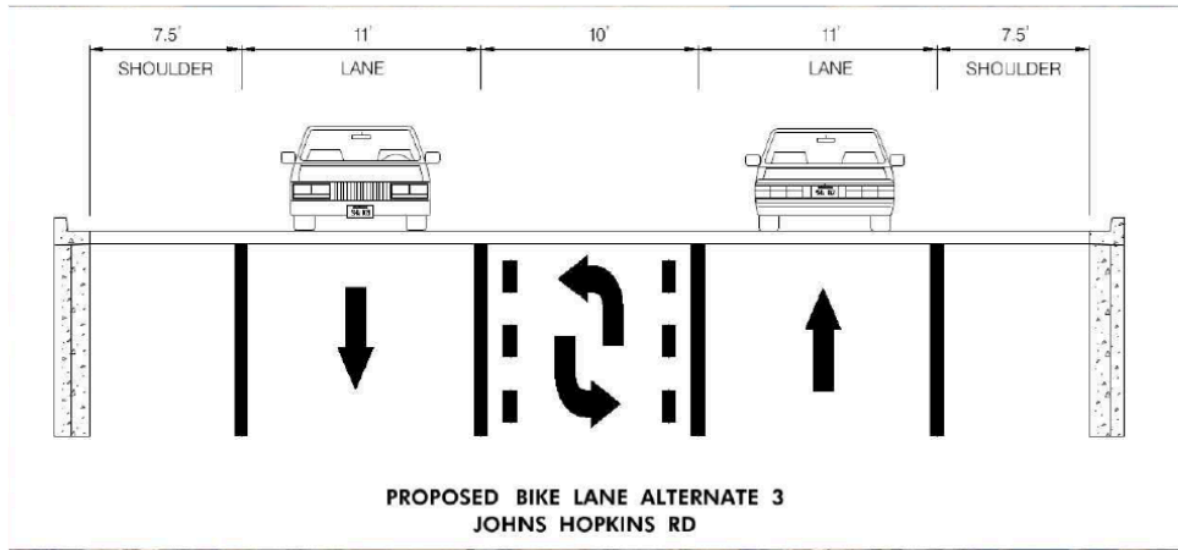
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Johns Hopkins Road - Road Diet Option 2



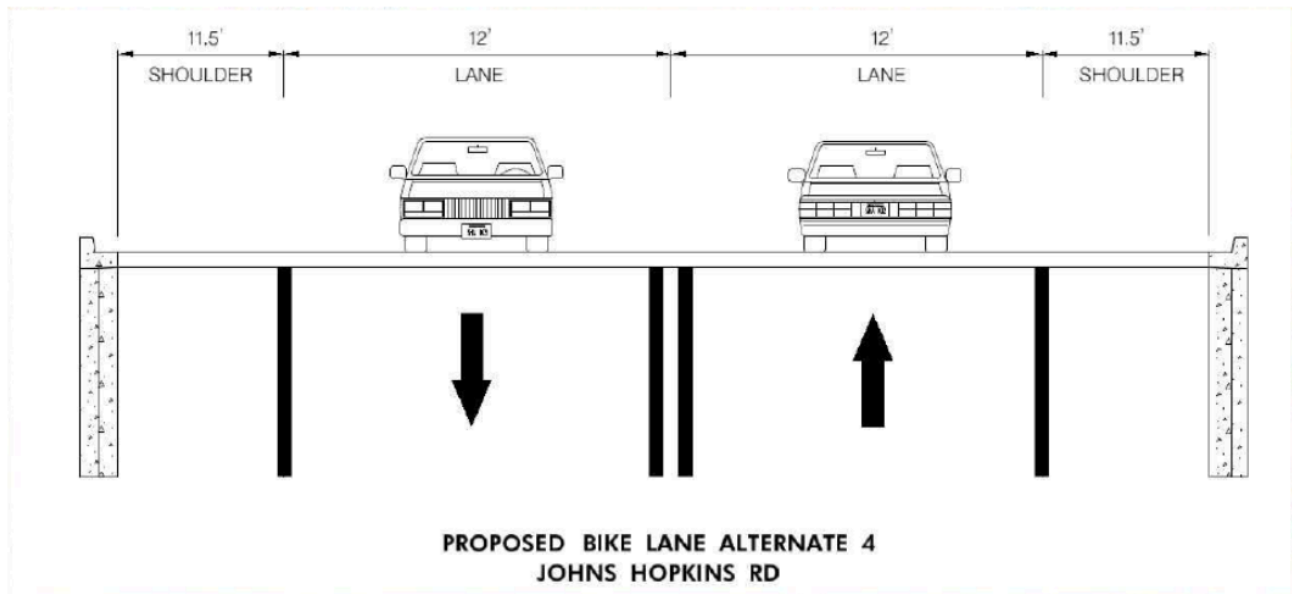
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Johns Hopkins Road - Road Diet Option 3



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Johns Hopkins Road - Road Diet Option 4



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