



## **Riedel Road Community Meeting Minutes October 15, 2025 - 6pm**

Nestor Flores - Chief, Traffic Engineering Division, AACO

Cpl. Thomas Middleton - AACO Police Western District Traffic

Del. Stuart Schmidt - District 33

Lisa Woolcock - Director, Crofton Downs

Cindy Sobolewski - Crofton Farms Townhome Condominiums

Erin Aldrich Gray - HOA Chapman Farm

Kristy Alvarez - Community Engagement & Constituent Services, AACO Office of the County Executive

Justin Zawitoski - Crofton Square Coventry III Board of Directors

Maytee Montalvan - Crofton Downs

Andrew Latto - Valley Brook Ct

- 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 holds a bi-monthly meeting to discuss traffic improvements and safety measures for Riedel and John Hopkins Roads.
- The meeting focused on traffic safety improvements and infrastructure updates, including oversized truck signs, road diets, and lane configurations for various roads. Discussions covered specific projects like the Route 3 road diet implementation, new signage installations, and plans for temporary and permanent crosswalks, with input from community members and stakeholders. The team addressed concerns about speeding, pedestrian safety, and sidewalk maintenance, with plans for further investigation of traffic calming measures and potential enforcement strategies.
- **Route 3 Road Diet Update**
  - Nestor presented updates on two main topics: oversized truck signs and a road diet proposal for Route 3. He explained that while flashing beacons are allowed by state law for oversized truck signs, he decided against them to maintain consistent visibility. Nestor reported that new signs for Route 3 and 424 would be installed within two weeks, and he committed to updating signs across the county to include gross vehicle weight ratings for easier enforcement. Regarding the road diet, Nestor shared results from a Johns Hopkins Rd survey showing 60% support for the proposal, and he decided to proceed with Option 3, which includes three lanes with a shoulder, rather than Option 1 with bike lanes. The road diet implementation is scheduled to begin in November, with Nestor planning to consult with the Board of Education about crosswalk signage.

- **Hopkins Road Lane Configuration Updates**

- The team discussed road lane configurations and bike lanes for Hopkins Road, with Nestor explaining that IMD's resurfacing project will stop short of the intersection due to ADA ramp upgrade requirements, which will be addressed in FY27. Justin raised concerns about lane transitions, particularly at the intersection with Riedel , and Nestor agreed to revise the plan to avoid drop lanes. Delegate Schmidt supported maintaining bike lanes while acknowledging the need for a shoulder rather than a dedicated bike lane, and Nestor confirmed that temporary islands for traffic calming would be installed by the end of November at six locations, with permanent installations to follow if testing is successful.

- **Crosswalk Improvements and Traffic Safety**

- Nestor discussed plans for temporary and permanent crosswalks, including community feedback and potential improvements. He mentioned ongoing maintenance and potential enhancements to a crosswalk near Nantucket, as well as a strategy to control speeding on Riedel Road using traffic signals. Nestor proposed a pilot study or simulation to test the effectiveness of this approach, seeking input from the committee.

- **Neighborhood Speed Display Sign Proposal**

- Lisa discussed traffic issues in her neighborhood, particularly around intersections and parks, where speed limits are often ignored. She inquired about the possibility of installing flashing speed display signs for the community to monitor and reduce speeding. Nestor explained that while the idea is not currently funded, it remains under consideration for strategic placement. He mentioned exploring a potential budget increase for capital projects and suggested conducting a study to determine optimal locations for the signs. Nestor emphasized the importance of careful planning to ensure effectiveness and avoid overuse, and he committed to revisiting the idea during budget season.

- **Riedel Road Speed Control Strategies**

- The group discussed strategies to address speeding on Riedel Road, including the potential use of traffic signals to control speed. Nestor proposed using Syncro traffic software and Waze data to simulate different scenarios and calibrate a model specific to Riedel Road. Lisa suggested making the road feel smaller through parking and medians to encourage slower speeds. The group agreed to investigate the feasibility of these ideas, with Nestor agreeing to have his signal techs check the camera at the John Hopkins intersection due to long wait times during off-peak hours.

- **Riedel Road Traffic Safety Upgrades**

- The group discussed traffic safety improvements for Riedel Road, particularly around the Powderhorn and McAllister intersection where a close call incident occurred. Nestor outlined several planned actions including installing a pedestrian island, reviewing and enhancing signage, upgrading flashing lights, and potentially designating the area as a school zone to enable speed cameras. The team also addressed ongoing projects including truck route exclusions, resurfacing scheduled for November, and plans for another round of data collection.

- **Crosswalk and Sidewalk Safety Review**

- Nestor agreed to investigate the addition of a new north-south crosswalk at the intersection of Riedel and 424, which would be located opposite the existing east-west crosswalk, and will consult with the state for guidance. He noted concerns about potential conflicts between pedestrian signals and left-turning vehicles, similar to issues experienced at Benfield Road. Additionally, Cindy shared her recent fall on an uneven sidewalk near the golf course, which resulted in injury, and expressed concerns about the poor condition of sidewalks in the area, highlighting a growing issue of frequent falls.

- **Pedestrian Safety Intersection Improvements**

- Nestor discussed sidewalk maintenance issues with Cindy, offering to connect her with road operations staff for a walkthrough to address trip hazards. Maytee raised concerns about pedestrian safety at the Riddell Road and John Hopkins Road intersection, where multiple accidents have occurred, and Nestor agreed to investigate installing cameras and adjusting pedestrian signal timing. Corporal Middleton mentioned potential enforcement strategies, and Nestor suggested combining education, enforcement, and engineering solutions to improve safety at the intersection.

## **Action Items**

1. Nestor to update the "5T" signs to include "R" to make enforcement easier, starting with Riedel Road as a priority.
2. Nestor to follow up with State Highway to ensure signs on Route 3 and 424 are installed within two weeks.
3. Nestor to proceed with implementing Option 3 for the John Hopkins Road diet, with resurfacing scheduled for November.
4. Nestor to share the final road diet design with Lisa once completed for distribution to the group.
5. Nestor to work with the consultant to refine the design at the Riedel Road intersection.
6. Nestor to coordinate with IMD regarding the transition area where resurfacing will stop short of the Riedel Road intersection.
7. Nestor to proceed with installing temporary traffic calming islands by the end of November, including one near the golf course entrance.
8. Nestor to conduct a study on using traffic signals for speed control on Riedel Road.
9. Nestor to have signal technicians check the camera at John Hopkins/Riedel intersection to address long wait times during off-peak hours.
10. Nestor/Eric Terry to review and enhance signage at the McAllister/Powderhorn crosswalk, including upgrading to school zone status.

11. Nestor to research if a school zone can be established near the traffic signal.
12. Nestor to upgrade the flashing lights at the McAllister/Powderhorn crosswalk to more attention-grabbing "rapid fire" LEDs.
13. Nestor to conduct a traffic signal study for the McAllister/Powderhorn crossing.
14. Nestor to research state requirements for excluding John Hopkins and Riedel from truck routes.
15. Nestor to contact State Highway regarding the proposed north-south crosswalk at Riedel and 424 intersection.
16. Nestor to share Cindy's contact information with Road Operations to address uneven sidewalks on Riedel Road near the golf course.
17. Nestor to research the crashes at John Hopkins/Riedel intersection and set up camera monitoring.
18. Nestor to modify the pedestrian signal timing at John Hopkins/Riedel to give pedestrians a head start.
19. Corporal Middleton to use state highway grant funding in November for pedestrian safety enforcement at the John Hopkins/Riedel intersection.
20. Nestor to schedule another round of data collection on Riedel Road.
21. Nestor to plan for the next Traffic Awareness Week in spring.