



Riedel Road Community Meeting Minutes January 14, 2026 - 6pm

Nestor Flores - Chief, Traffic Engineering Division, AACO

Erik Terry - Traffic Engineer, AACO

Del. Stuart Schmidt - District 33

Sgt. Regina Collier - AACO Police Traffic Enforcement, Speed Camera Program

Jessica Ewing - Office of County Councilwoman Shannon Leadbetter

Lisa Woolcock - Director, Crofton Downs

Roberta McCarten - Board of Directors, Crofton Mews

Krista Swetz - Crofton Mews

Cindy Sobolewski - Crofton Farms Townhome Condominiums

Chuck See - Resident

Clinton Smith Jr - Resident

Justin Zawitoski - Crofton Square Coventry III Board of Directors

- 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.
- **General Overview**
 - The bi-monthly meeting focused on addressing neighborhood traffic concerns in the Riedel corridor and John Hopkins area. Nestor led the discussion, updating attendees on various traffic calming initiatives, including oversized truck signs, speed cameras, and temporary traffic islands. The committee discussed the installation of speed cameras at the Powderhorn-McAllister intersection, with Sergeant Collier noting that 40 cameras are now operational but the specific location is still pending further study. The group also addressed issues with tree sightlines blocking traffic signs at a crosswalk, with Stuart suggesting raising the trees rather than removing them. Roberta raised concerns about tree removals at Johns Hopkins, which Nestor explained were necessary due to root system damage to infrastructure. The conversation ended with discussions about potential parking changes on Riedel Road and Corporal Middleton reporting progress on a court case involving a trucking company violating traffic restrictions on the road.

- **Traffic Calming Updates**

- Nestor and Lisa reported that oversized truck signs were installed last fall but are still awaiting a response from the state regarding final approval. The committee is also working on speed camera installations, which have faced delays due to temporary curbing material availability, with a target completion date of late February. Sergeant Collier is prepared to support enforcement once the signs are fully installed and approved.

- **Traffic Safety Measures**

- The group discussed traffic safety measures, focusing on potential median installations and temporary signage. Nestor explained that while temporary signs cannot be used on state right-of-ways for enforcement purposes, variable message signs could be permitted for non-regulatory purposes like warning drivers about left turns. The team agreed to explore moving one of the planned median islands closer to the Nantucket crossing area, with Eric tasked to find a suitable location between Nantucket and McAllister streets. Nestor also mentioned ongoing work to analyze off-peak traffic patterns using new software that would help identify areas for traffic calming measures.

- **Traffic Safety Software Implementation**

- Nestor discussed the implementation of new software expected to be ready by the end of January, which will allow for the evaluation of traffic strategies, including speed reduction measures on Riedel Road. Lisa agreed that slowing down traffic on Riedel Road was necessary due to high speeds. Nestor also requested the committee to suggest a week in the spring for Traffic Awareness Week, with Lisa agreeing to provide a date by the March meeting. Nestor mentioned the possibility of involving Cpl. Middleton for targeted enforcement during this week.

- **Speed Camera Placement & Signage**

- The group discussed the status of speed cameras, with Sgt. Collier reporting that the Powderhorn/ McAllister camera is still in the queue for placement but is generating 1,900 citations eastbound and 1,100 westbound at the Johns Hopkins camera location. The committee reviewed signage issues at the McCastle-Powderhorn intersection, where utility conflicts and street trees have made sign installation challenging. Nestor raised the question of whether to seek permission from the County forester to remove trees that are obstructing sightlines, and the committee needs to decide whether to pursue this option.

- **Crosswalk Safety Improvement Plan**

- The group discussed safety concerns at a crosswalk where drivers were not stopping for pedestrians, particularly noting that trees were blocking visibility of flashing crossing signs. Erik explained that removing 9 trees could improve visibility, but Nestor and Stuart preferred alternative solutions like elevating the signs or installing a pedestrian signal system, with Stuart suggesting extending the median to reduce speed. The team agreed to conduct a signal warrant analysis and collect new data on speeds and pedestrian behavior before their March meeting, while Nestor emphasized the importance of community support for any changes.

- **Community Traffic and Infrastructure Updates**

- The meeting focused on traffic and infrastructure concerns in the community. Nestor addressed Roberta's question about the missing left-turn lane on Route 3, confirming it would be completed by the 21st along with missing crosswalks. The group discussed tree removals on Johns Hopkins, with Nestor explaining it was due to root system damage to drains, and a re-forestation plan is in place. Nestor and Lisa discussed the status of a potential roundabout at the Riedel and Johns Hopkins intersection, with Nestor planning to analyze new data by March. The team also addressed concerns about truck traffic on Riedel Road, with Nestor and Lisa agreeing to review parking locations and collect data on oversized vehicle usage. Cpl. Middleton reported on a pending court case involving a truck driver charged with illegal driving on Riedel Road.