Riedel Road Community Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2026 - 6pm

Nestor Flores - Chief, Traffic Engineering Division, AACO
Erik Terry - Traffic Engineer, AACO
James Jones - Office of County Executive, AACO
Cpl. Tom Middleton - AACO PD Western District Traffic
Lisa Woolcock - Director, Crofton Downs
Cindy Sobolewski - Crofton Farms Townhome Condominiums
Chuck See - 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 at the below link: 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**

    - This bi-monthly update meeting focused on traffic safety improvements along Riedel Road and Johns Hopkins Road. Nestor provided updates on several ongoing projects, including delayed State Highway sign installations where Lisa reported no response from authorities, and discussed median installation progress with Erik, noting weather-dependent completion expected within two weeks. The team reviewed traffic signal studies, with Erik confirming new software analysis was underway to evaluate current conditions and potential improvements. Community members raised concerns about parking issues near Mount Tabor, a large pothole on the newly improved Johns Hopkins Road, and questions about school zone camera installations and pedestrian crossing enhancements. Cpl. Middleton provided an update on a failed court case involving a tanker truck incident where insufficient evidence led to an acquittal.

- **State Highway Sign Installation Delays**

    - Nestor and Lisa discussed the ongoing issue of delayed feedback from State Highway regarding the installation of signs. Despite Nestor's efforts to follow up, including emails and a site visit, there has been no progress. Lisa has also been reaching out to State Highway, but both have encountered difficulties in obtaining information or getting the signs installed.

- **Sign and Median Installation Updates**

    - Nestor and Lisa discussed the lack of response from the SHA regarding sign installation, with Nestor planning to contact the district engineer about fabricating and installing the signs. Lisa agreed to email them again the next day. Nestor provided an update on median installation, noting that the contractor was ready to proceed, with completion expected within two weeks, weather permitting. He also mentioned that a consultant had begun evaluating signal timing software, with results expected by the next meeting in May.

- **Traffic Awareness Week Planning Meeting**

    - Nestor discussed scheduling Traffic Awareness Week for spring and requested Lisa to share potential dates with Erik Terry. Nestor also mentioned reaching out to Cpl. Middleton about involving motorcycle officers and conducting target enforcement during the week. He noted that Sergeant Collier was unavailable but would provide an update on the speed camera process. Nestor and Erik Terry planned to meet to discuss enhancing existing signs and signals, with a potential HAWK signal installation being considered for the new fiscal year, pending County Council budget approval.

- **Traffic Signal and Crosswalk Updates**

    - Nestor presented updates on traffic signal improvements, including new HAWK signals that are dark when not activated and direct light towards the road. He mentioned ongoing data collection efforts were delayed by weather but are now complete, with plans to analyze the results and provide an update in the next meeting. Nestor also discussed the installation of new crosswalks and pavement markings on John Hopkins, with signs planned to be installed by next week after utility checks. Lisa confirmed she received an email from Blake Lightcap regarding tree removal and will forward it to Nestor for inclusion in the meeting minutes (see below).

- **Traffic and Safety Issues Meeting**

    - The meeting discussed several traffic and safety issues in the area. Nestor was informed about a large pothole on the new road near Route 3, which he will have Ashley and Eric report the following morning. Thomas explained that a tanker truck case in court did not result in a guilty verdict due to insufficient evidence. Nestor confirmed that a school zone near McAllister has been created and is awaiting camera installation, which is part of a larger project to improve safety and traffic flow. The group also discussed temporary traffic islands and their potential impact on traffic flow, with Nestor noting that these measures will be evaluated and adjusted as needed.

- Tree Removal Email

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Ashley Twigg <pwtwig08@aacounty.org>

Fwd: Johns Hopkins Rd Resurfacing Project

2 messages

Lisa W <lisamg333@gmail.com> Tue, Mar 17, 2026 at 11:40 AM
To: Ashley Twigg <pwtwig08@aacounty.org>

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Blake Lightcap** <pwligh00@aacounty.org>
Date: Tue, Mar 10, 2026, 4:52 PM
Subject: Johns Hopkins Rd Resurfacing Project
To: <lisamg333@gmail.com>
Cc: Nestor Flores <pwflor11@aacounty.org>, Alis Mouradyan <pwmour22@aacounty.org>, Scott Brown <pwvbro22@aacounty.org>

Lisa,

Nestor Flores provided me with your contact information and informed me that the community had questions regarding the tree removal performed as part of the resurfacing project.

I prepared a response based on my understanding of the concern, but we thought it best I communicate with you directly.

As part of the County's Pavement Management Program, we time the removal and replanting of large street trees within the county ROW that have outgrown the grass buffer strip and damaged county infrastructure (curb/gutter, sidewalk, storm drain, utilities, etc.) around programmed rehabilitation and reconstruction projects. Per the county's Roadside Tree Permit issued by MD DNR, we are permitted to remove a tree for several reasons including damage to infrastructure. We typically only remove trees that have damaged infrastructure to the extent that repair or replacement of that infrastructure is required at the time of a rehabilitation or reconstruction project. In other words, if we must replace damaged concrete curb or sidewalk as part of a resurfacing project, our DNR permit provides us authority to remove the tree responsible for the damage. Additionally, in many cases, replacement of the sidewalk or curb requires root pruning beyond what is permitted to maintain the tree's chance of survival further necessitating removal of the tree. When possible, we either defer concrete replacement work entirely or minimize the impact to the tree roots to improve the chances that the tree will recover and survive. We consult with our licensed certified tree care expert who is the actual permit holder with DNR while scoping the work and making tree removal decisions. Finally, following completion of the project, we replant all removed trees with appropriate species for the width of the grass buffer and other site constraints at a 1:1 or 2:1 ratio (replanted:removed) during the next possible tree planting season.

I hope this answers your questions, but please feel free to follow up with me should you still have additional concerns.

Thank you,

Blake Lightcap, PE
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- **Next Steps**
    - Nestor: Reach out to the district engineer to request permission to fabricate and install signs at the specified location, and await response. - NAF Reach out. No response
    - Lisa: Email State Highway again to follow up on the status of sign installation.
    - Lisa: Share proposed dates and times with Erik Terry for scheduling the spring Traffic Awareness Week activities.
    - Erik Terry: Arrange the spring Traffic Awareness Week activities once dates are received from Lisa.
    - Nestor: Coordinate with Erik Terry (and Wes) after the meeting to discuss ideas for enhancing signs and signals at McAllister, including potential for rectangular flashing beacons.
    - Nestor: Update the group in May regarding the analysis of traffic data and present a sketch if appropriate for the Roundabout at Riedel.
    - Erik Terry: Submit work order and coordinate with Traffic Main shop to get signs up at Johns Hopkins after Ms. Utility check is complete, targeting installation by next week.
    - Ashley and Erik: Notify the appropriate team tomorrow morning about the large pothole on Johns Hopkins (as reported by Swetz family) for inspection/repair. *Complete*