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Sent: Friday, December 30, 2022 11:48 AM
To: TownCouncil Mailbox
Subject: Jan 3rd Recommendations by Public Works, re: Crowfoot Widening Project

Members of the Town of Castle Rock Council:

I sincerely hope that each of you, your family, and loved ones have had a safe and joyful holiday season.

Yesterday, the Town published the agenda for the Jan. 3 Council Meeting, which includes a Public Works presentation on final recommendations for the widening of Crowfoot Valley Road, along the less-than-one-mile section that is within the Town's jurisdiction.

BACKGROUND: For the information of new Council members, my wife and I built one of the first homes in Diamond Ridge Estates during 1997, so we have seen Crowfoot Valley Road evolve from an unpaved road to the major thoroughfare that it is today. The Town states that daily average traffic volume will grow to 37,000 vehicles/day from where it is today...14,000 vehicles/day. This growth will significantly impact the intersections for 4 communities: Sapphire Point, Diamond Ridge Estates, Timber Ridge, and Timber Canyon, representing almost 1200 homeowners, all within Council Member Cavey's district.

For the past 2 years since January 2021, these neighborhoods have come together to form a "working group" pertaining to the Crowfoot Valley Road ("CVR") widening project. This began with the Town's January 2021 "virtual meeting" to discuss "intersection controls" at the aforementioned intersections. While the Town has been great at encouraging citizen input and feedback since then and along the way, it is not always apparent the extent to which this input really changes anything.

Our working group representing almost 1200 households has been clear since the outset in its desires for the CVR project. For instance, my 5/14/21 email to Mayor Gray and Council Member Cavey (cc: Council) included the following four key desires:

1. The creation of a "Safe/slow zone" with reduced speed limits along the 0.7 mile stretch, that will minimally impact drive time by less than 15 seconds.
2. Additional signage to alert drivers that they are entering a residential, slower-speed section of roadway.
3. Inclusion of roundabouts where feasible, especially at Sapphire Point Blvd to mark the start of the "Safe/slow zone" for southbound vehicles.
4. Evaluation of the use of alternate technologies, such as digital speed signs and speed cameras that result in the automatic issuance of a traffic citation.

These initial recommendations were followed-up with meetings requested by our working group that included Town management, Public Works, CRPD, Mayor Gray and Laura Cavey. We are grateful for the time that was afforded us to make certain that our concerns and recommendations were well understood.

CURRENT PUBLIC WORKS RECOMMENDATIONS: We are grateful that Public Works is now recommending left-turn acceleration lanes from the "non-signalized" intersections serving Diamond Ridge, Timber Ridge, and Timber Canyon, as described in their memo to Council posted yesterday for the Jan. 3, 2023

meeting. However, it's very disappointing to see that the above 4 recommendations apparently continue to be ignored:

- Public Works continues to argue that lower speed limits on this very short section of roadway could actually cause more accidents “based on national studies.”
- CRPD continues to argue that the use of technology to help in speed enforcement is ineffective. In the meantime, a severe shortage of traffic control officers has caused speeding and reckless driving all over our Town.
- Public Works continues to oppose a roundabout at Sapphire Point due to “citizen opposition” collected in a “citizen survey.” However, nobody can produce the data from the survey that would show important factors such as how the survey was conducted, including for instance, survey sample size as a percentage of total affected residents.
- There is no clear signage or other landmark planned for southbound Crowfoot motorists to indicate that they are entering a residential area of the Town of Castle Rock, and should thus slow down and pay close attention to the next 4 intersections before reaching Founders Pkwy.

REQUEST: On behalf of our working group representing nearly 1200 households that depend on Crowfoot Valley Road, I respectfully request that the Council consider the above and challenge Town staff to explain why these elements cannot still be included in the proposed project.

Sincerely,
George Tocquigny

Sent from my iPad