

OUR HARRISBURG ROAD PROPOSAL

The changes are mainly after the Exxon/Dollar Store, traveling south on Harrisburg Road. We are fine with the plans up to this point. The proposed widening is from Parker Road to Forest Hill Road. When viewing the State's plan, the end of the project appears to be right after Medallion Drive.

Our proposal is:

1. A Center turn lane on Harrisburg Road. Starting at the second entrance of Walmart and ending at the entrance of Dollar General Store.
2. A Right-hand turn lane at Forest Hill Road. Two (2) lanes on the west side of Harrisburg Road, starting at Parker Road, going south to Forest Hill Road. The farthest south lane making a wide right-hand turn lane just before Forest Hill Road (just like in your plans). Then, have one (1) lane continuing south down on the west side of Harrisburg Road.
3. Two (2) lanes on the east side of Harrisburg Road from Parker Road to the end of the projected road project, just past Medallion Drive.
4. A wider turn lane on northside of Forest Hill Road/Harrisburg Road. For individuals turning left onto Forest Hill Road from Harrisburg Road.
5. The speed limit in this area is 35mph. With two (2) lanes going north, starting a little after Medallion Drive, a car in the far east lane will be able to continue without delay if there was someone turning left onto Forest Hill Road.

*Note #1: A two (2) lane road can work efficiently and is safe to stop on when making left turns. A great example of this is Windover Road/Race Street from Harrisburg Road to Red Wolf Blvd. I would think Windover Road/Race Street has a greater number of consistent cars traveling on it throughout the day than Harrisburg Road, south of Forest Hill Road.

*Note #2: If ARDOT thinks a center turn lane is necessary, then our proposal would be to have just one lane on the far east side of the road up to the Dollar General Store, just passed the bridge and then expand to 2 lanes headed north to Parker Road.

6. Build more of the road project on the westside of Harrisburg Road. This will help to maintain the beauty of this area and help save several yards and homes of our Jonesboro citizens. We were told that the church has agreed to this.

Our proposal will help keep the beauty of this Scenic Highway as much as possible.

ADVANTAGES OF OUR PROPOSAL

- Does not change any of the proposed plans to where most of the traffic is at- the intersection of Parker Road/Harrisburg Road. (17,000 daily cars)
This intersection vs. Forest Hill Road will receive the most relief/effectiveness of this project.
- Our plans will ALSO move the traffic without any/little delay in the area of the fewer cars per day. This is at Forest Hill/Harrisburg Road (12,000 daily cars)
- Safer for drivers to pull out from Forest Hill Road turning north onto Harrisburg Rd.(left)
With our proposal, drivers will ONLY have to judge the speed of 1 car coming from the north, and 1 or 2 cars from the south. Additionally, this will safely and effectively merge the 5-lanes into 2 lanes. Safety is one of the several concerns that we ALL have!
- Benefit of Safety with two (2) lanes going north on Harrisburg without a center lane:
When pulling out and turning left onto Harrisburg from Forest Hill Road, drivers will be able to pull into the inner lane when safe vs. pulling into a center lane. Center turn lanes are legal for merging, but not for acceleration! This happens a lot and can be very dangerous. There is such a short distance on Harrisburg Road between Forest Hill Road and the Dollar General Store. I could possibly see many drivers quickly pulling into the proposed center turn lane, and then accelerating VS. stopping to safely merge into the inner lane. If they "illegally" accelerated in that center turn lane, there possibly could be an accident if there was a car in the center turn lane waiting to turn left into Dollar General. It's possible!
- Our plan safely merges the traffic from 5-lanes to 2-lanes. AND would allow more space for sidewalks with the reduction of traffic lanes. In turn, this would be safer for pedestrians.
- Makes it safer for drivers turning on Harrisburg Road from Forest Hill Road with only 3 lanes of traffic to negotiate.
- Possibly save money. By building ONLY 4 lanes up to Forest Hill Road vs. 5 lanes. And then, only 3 lanes south of Forest Hill Road (whether 3 lanes or 2 lanes/center lane)
- Helps maintain the beauty of our Scenic Highway in this small area- since the State has NO intention of widening Harrisburg Road south of Forest Hill Road either now or in the foreseeable future. Our proposal efficiently and safely merges the traffic lanes.
- Serves the goal of using Federal Funds for highway projects.
- Most importantly, our proposal NOT ONLY saves homes BUT could possibly and probably save lives.

The Public, which is the first word in Jonesboro's Motto, "People, Pride and Progress", will be happy knowing that their quality of life, with this road project, is important to our City and State representatives when considering our plans.

La Kewood Drive

Central Baptist Church

HARRISBURG ROAD

Medallion Drive

Forest Hill Road

DOLLAR GENERAL

BUS

KEVIN HEAT + AIR

EXXON

GLADIOLUS DRIVE

HARRISBURG ROAD

PIZZA

CITIZEN'S Proposal

