

To: The Vienna Town Council and Town Manager

From: Ed Somers, Chair, Transportation Safety Commission

Subject: Ayr Hill Avenue NE/NW Traffic Calming

Date: May 1, 2015

During a meeting of the Transportation Safety Commission (TSC) on February 24, 2015, a public hearing was held on a citizens' petition to "assess and remedy certain conditions pertaining to the safety of Ayr Hill Ave NW/NE." The petitioners maintain that:

- The Ayr Hill Ave NW and Lawyers Rd intersections need improvement for motorists and pedestrian safety.
- The street construction is not adequate for the amount and speed of traffic that it carries each day, including Town of Vienne vehicles.
- The narrowness of the street and lack of curb and gutter in most parts create further safety problems.
- These problems not only affect the street residents, but many others who drive and walk between Lawyers Rd and the W&OD trail.

At the conclusion of the February 24 hearing, the TSC requested that the TSC Department of Public Works (DPW) liaison review the area in question and report back to the TSC with options for action.

A second TSC public hearing was then held on April 28, 2015, where the DPW liaison provided the TSC with several options for action, and the TSC engaged in a dialogue with a number of the petitions. At the conclusion of the discussion, the following motion was made:

"The TSC recommends that the Vienna Town Council approve funding of a full engineering study for road improvements including (but not limited to) curb, sidewalk, handicap ramps and storm drain along Ayr Hill Avenue from Dominion Road to Lawyers Road and on Center Street N from Wilmar Drive to 200 feet North of Ayr Hill Avenue. These improvements would also include reducing the radius of the curb returns on Ayr Hill Avenue at Lawyers Road to help pedestrian circulation."

The motion was made by Commissioner Andrew Meren, seconded by Commissioner Beth Eachus, and approved on a unanimous vote of 9 to 0.