

INTERSECTION CONCERNS

Intersection of Old Stage Road, Schoolhouse Lane, and Rochambeau Drive)

Submitted by Williamsburg Christian Academy

October 2009

TRAFFIC	TIMELINE
2007-2008	Williamsburg Christian Academy addressed complaints from parents and Stonehouse Elementary School about dangers of traffic congestion (7:30-8:30 am and 2:30-3:30 pm). WCA assigned staff supervision to morning and afternoon car lines to keep Schoolhouse Lane clear and flowing.
Sept. 29, 2008	Allen Ayers (resident of Great Woods/Sand Hill and Great Woods Neighborhood Watch Coordinator) sent letter with photos to principals of Stonehouse Elementary and Williamsburg Christian. Dangers of too many commuters and a large number of low occupancy vehicles (7:30-8:30 am) was summarized.
Oct. 7, 2008	MEMO from Sgt. William McMichael to Chief Emmett Harmon expressing opinion that traffic was not heavy enough to warrant a traffic control officer.
Feb. 25, 2009	VDOT letter copy (from Michael A. Corwin, P.E.MAC, to Mr. Todd Halacy, P.E.); Subject: Citizen Concerns, Intersection (Old Stage Road, Schoolhouse Lane, Rochambeau Drive). Completed operational analysis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Properly marked intersection (yes)</li><li>■ Traffic volume warrants no signal</li><li>■ Only one reportable crash between Dec. 1, 2005-Dec. 31, 2008</li></ul> Recommended: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Vary school start times</li><li>■ Reroute path of school bus approach</li><li>■ Public awareness campaign to parents to have children ride bus</li><li>■ Have Flashing School Signs activated earlier to accommodate both schools</li><li>■ Encourage motorists using Old Stage Road to access Rt. 30 at a different spot</li></ul>

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Spring 2009	WCA receptionist (receptionist's son driving) reported a near miss to the Head of School at Williamsburg Christian Academy; Turning left onto Schoolhouse Lane from VA 30-N right before 8 am; driver waited until he thought it was clear to turn, as turning - a dark colored pick-up truck without headlights on came out of nowhere. The turn was completed but scary. There is a long stretch of trees that overhang VA 30 southbound and shadows oncoming traffic. Because of the treeline, driver's coming from Anderson's Corner can't see the entrance to Schoolhouse Lane until they are practically on it; a traffic signal would force drivers to slow down on approach; fog is also a concern in the early morning.
July 2, 2009	Resident B of nearby neighborhood emailed Jamie Shackelford (WAVY TV 10) to cover the problem in the news.
July 6, 2009	Jamie Shackelford responded to Resident B by requesting photographs.
July 9, 2009	Resident B agreed to send photographs.
July 22, 2009	Allen Ayers (resident of Great Woods/Sand Hill and Great Woods Neighborhood Watch Coordinator) emailed photos to WAVY TV 10.
July 27, 2009	Email from Resident B to Todd M. Halacy, P.E., Williamsburg Residency Administrator, VDOT; expressing concerns over dangers, near misses, blind spots.
July 30, 2009	Email response from Todd Halacy to Resident B. Investigation has been initiated with James City County Police Dept. and County staff.
Sept. 4, 2009	<b>ACCIDENT (Melissa Santana - WCA senior):</b> Melissa was leaving the school to turn left on Rochambeau; it was sunset; a truck appeared and hit her on the driver's side of the car causing the car to spin; there were no eye witnesses, and no tickets written. The car was totaled and Melissa was treated for a bad concussion at Riverside Hospital. She was told that she would experience headaches and short term memory problems for a month; she was not permitted to play sports.
Sept. 4, 2009	Resident B sent an email to a WCA parent expressing concern and would email Jim Kennedy of these concerns.

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Sept. 11, 2009	WCA Head of School (Gwen Martin) contacted (via telephone) Todd Morrison, Eastern Region Signal System Manager, VDOT, to find out how to address safety concerns of the intersection. Todd suggested a presentation to the Board of Supervisors, a request for another study by VDOT, and a clarification on how many student-drivers there are at WCA (there are approximately 30).
Oct. 27, 2009	WCA Head of School will present the concerns to the Board of Supervisors as follow up.