

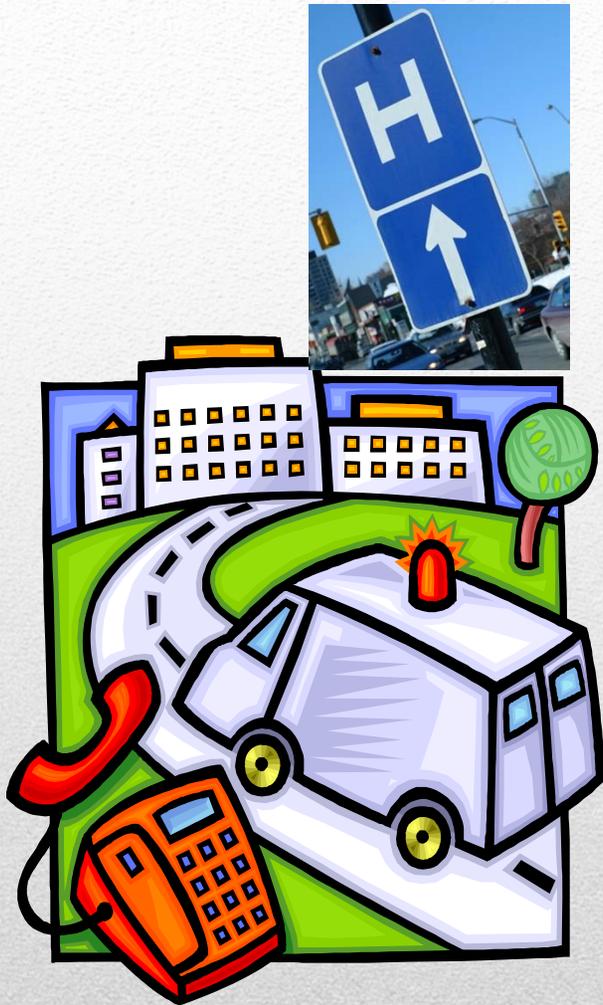
“PARK RIDGE” DEVELOPMENT TRAFFIC & SAFETY ISSUES

COUNTRY CLUB NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
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- CCNA HAS SERIOUS CONCERNS RE: IMPACT OF PARK RIDGE TRAFFIC PLAN
 - VOLUME
 - ROUTING
 - INTRUSION BY NON-RESIDENTS
 - LACK OF THOROUGH AND APPROVED TIA

TRAFFIC SAFETY #1



- Main ingress and egress = US-70
- Estimated volume 8,000 car trips daily
- Healthcare scheduling NOT retail peak times
 - 0600-0800; 1000-1300; 1500-1700; 1800-2000; 2200-2400
 - Emergency vehicles will traverse Country Club streets 24/7
- US-70 volume of 37,000 is same as infamous NJ bridge
 - Traffic blocked for 6-8 hrs. while only one lane open
 - Avoidance route is through CC streets
 - Park Ridge adds 22% volume to surrounding roadways

Traffic Volume



- US-70 is already the deadliest route in city
- Improvements and construction were not planned for this Development and are therefore inadequate
- Traffic WILL divert through Country Club neighborhood and exceed allowable local street capacity
- Requiring CC residents to traverse development adds time, inconvenience and risk daily

Traffic Volume



Second entrance location within Country Club neighborhood is unsafe, adds non-residential traffic through local streets in excess of capacity, and endangers pedestrians: children, seniors and pets.

Routing



- CC already has significant # of non-residents using streets to bypass US-70
- Emergency vehicles WILL use CC streets 24-7
- CC streets are already near local street capacity
 - CDR at 1400 (2500 allowable)
- CC infrastructure is inadequate for volume increase
- CC residents will be the most adversely affected by Development
 - Traffic and noise
 - Home values (on perimeter and 1/2 mile radius)
 - Safety and inconvenience

Intrusion by Non-residents



- CC streets have virtually no traffic calming measures
 - Speed bumps removed from S. Desert Drive by City 6/14
 - Stop sign on Desert Drive and Mariposa regularly ignored
- Developers “gift” of \$21,000 for CC traffic mitigation is unrealistic
- City plans to “study” traffic issues instead of acting
- No study or planning for mitigation on key CC streets: Desert Drive, Arlington, Madrid...

Intrusion by Non-residents



- CC neighborhood will be profoundly and adversely impacted by traffic issues from Park Ridge
- CC residents' input has been ignored:
 - Second road placement
 - Egress from CC to US-70
 - Traffic mitigation measures
- Complete infill will exceed projected 8,000 car trips
- Project lacks professional planning and progressive, proactive measures to protect existing neighborhood as required by codes

SUMMARY



- Realign second exit/entrance with an ARTERIAL as required by code
- Increase barriers to traversing CC streets by non-residents
- Limit EMS/Fire traffic to hospital to arterials
- Open Camino del Rex to US-70 for residential traffic
 - Use transponders if needed
- Invest appropriately in traffic calming measures in CC through streets PRIOR to development

RECOMMENDATIONS



- Helicopter airmedical crashes 10X fixed wing
- FAA has final say over pad
- Noise is 110 Db, hearing damage occurs at 80Db
- Structural damage to surrounding homes and buildings at 110Db
- Flight over unsafe areas:
 - Freeway, homes, park, school

STOP THE HELIPAD



- Burrowing owls are protected
- Evidence of their existence in LCCC has been reported to officials and owners
- No study has been done to assure their protection despite NMSU having capacity and expertise in this area
 - Dr. Desmond

PROTECTED WILDLIFE



COMPLETE STUDIES BEFORE APPROVING MASSIVE PROJECTS

Traffic, wildlife, impact on surrounding
neighborhood as required by code and Statute
