



Response to Public Comments

DATE: May 3, 2021
BY: City of Johns Creek
PROJECT: Jones Bridge Road Widening

A secondary community input meeting was held April 1, 2020 for the Jones Bridge Road Widening project, from Waters Road to State Bridge Road to share design revisions made during the project's Engineering Phase. The hybrid meeting was conducted both in-person and online through Zoom. Public comments were collected during the meeting in-person and through the online chat, as well as submitted via the Johns Creek website. The comments were grouped and addressed by content. This document provides response to each comment grouping.

Comment Grouping No. 1: *Left Turns Out of Neighborhoods*

Staff worked with the design team to accommodate, where possible, the addition of pedestrian refuges for left turning vehicles. However to reduce the project footprint and limit impacts to adjacent properties, not all locations have refuges.

Comment Grouping No. 2: *Property Impacts*

Staff will coordinate and conduct individual engagements with impacted property owners and/or Home Owner Associations during the right-of-way phase.

Comment Grouping No. 3: *Sound Abatement*

The City of Johns Creek has placed potential sound abatement locations on the Jones Bridge Road design. Both the location and design materials of the sound abatement features will be evaluated further during the Right-of-Way Phase. Sound abatement options approved by Council will be shared with each Home Owner's Association, or individual property owner where applicable, and requests for sound abatement will be handled on a neighborhood-by-neighborhood basis.

Comment Grouping No. 4: *Changes in Traffic Volumes*

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, traffic volumes have decreased and long term impacts are unknown. Staff is working based on traffic counts collected in 2019. Staff decided against conducting additional traffic studies to consider the COVID-19 traffic impacts as the engineering design is for a 20-year project horizon and the commuting patterns, although presently impacted, are anticipated to return to those previously counted and modeled in the long-term.



Comment Grouping No. 5: *Stormwater and Drainage*

The drainage along the corridor will be converted from the existing open ditch system to a closed system. This means runoff from the roadway will be captured in pipes and the flow will be slowed and released downstream. This project follows city guidelines to ensure appropriate drainage measures and stormwater management.

Comment Grouping No. 6: *Striping Bike Lanes and Cost of Phased Approach*

At the previous community input meeting in February 2020, residents expressed a preference for the concept design with striped dedicated right turn lanes and were not supportive of temporary bike lanes. The purpose of the phased approach and building the ultimate footprint for the project is to limit the costs of any future restriping efforts. As compared to the construction cost of the overall project, the restriping costs will be minimal.

Comment Grouping No. 7: *Addition of Traffic Signals and Pedestrian Lighting*

The current design does not include the addition of any new traffic signals and the existing traffic signals will be updated to accommodate for new traffic patterns. At this time the project plans do not include the addition of pedestrian lighting along the corridor.

Comment Grouping No. 8: *Possible Roundabout at Colony Glen and Sight Distance Issues*

The construction of a roundabout presents a challenge when comparing the heavy volumes along Jones Bridge Road with the low volumes for individual side roads. In addition, the potential impacts to adjacent properties would be significant with a roundabout footprint. At this time, the designs do not call out for a roundabout at this location. Staff has worked with the design team to ensure sight lines at side streets meet current standards.