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Subject: Re: SHA Follow-up to Greater Jacksonville Association Requests (Re: MD 146 at MD 145 Intersection Improvements)

Good evening Wendy! Happy New Year!

Thank you for your message!

I will share your responses with membership at Tuesday's meeting.

Best Regards

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Subject: SHA Follow-up to Greater Jacksonville Association Requests (Re: MD 146 at MD 145 Intersection Improvements)

Dear Mr. Oakley:

Thank you for inviting the State Highway Administration (SHA) to attend the November 22, 2011 meeting of the Greater Jacksonville Association (GJA) to provide an update on the MD 146 at MD 145 Intersection Improvement project. During discussion of the project, attendees inquired about several situations regarding current traffic operations. District 4 Traffic staff reviewed the situations/requests after the meeting and provided the following responses:

- 1.) **Situation:** The Two-Way Center-Turn lane is being used by left-turning vehicles when traffic backs up on northbound MD 146 (Jarrettsville Pike). Whenever this occurs, it prevents vehicles from making left turns into businesses.

Response: Two-Way Left-Turn lanes may be used for additional storage in the event left turning vehicles need additional storage to not block the adjacent through lanes. Left turning vehicles that block the adjacent through lanes may cause congestion and other safety issues.

- 2.) Situation: The Left Turn Lane backs up on westbound MD 145 (Sweet Air Road) and there is not enough space for left-turning vehicles.

Response: As part of the upcoming project, SHA will add more area for the left turn transition.

- 3.) Question: Can the stop bars for cars on MD 145 be moved back? Left turning trucks have a difficult time maneuvering around the vehicles stopped at the stop bar location.

Response: The existing and proposed stop lines are placed behind crosswalks on approaches to give motorists a defined location to stop for pedestrians. Additionally, stop bars must be located to provide necessary sight distance. All existing stop lines will be evaluated under the upcoming project to determine their optimal placement.

- 4.) Situation: Tractor Trailers traveling on MD 146, and making a right onto MD 145, have difficulty with this turn.

Response: A turning movement evaluation was conducted for the MD 145 at MD 146 intersection using a model vehicle that replicates the approximate path of a tractor-trailer. The results indicated that the current geometry satisfies the minimum turning radius required for trucks and any smaller vehicles.

- 5.) Question: Can "Puppy Tracks" be added on MD 146 for left turn guidance on both legs?

Response: Due to the existing geometry of the intersection, SHA does not recommend the addition of extension lines (Puppy Tracks) through the entire intersection, for vehicles turning left from MD 146 in both directions, as this may cause operational conflicts. However, SHA will be delineating the white pavement marking lines through the crosswalks. Weather permitting, we anticipate this work to be performed mid-spring.

- 6.) Situation: At MD 146 and Hillendale Heights Road, it is difficult to see the markings on the road where the road has a zigzag.

Response: A request has been submitted to District Maintenance to review the pavement markings at this location for repainting.

- 7.) Request: Can the name of the construction project engineer be provided to Mr. Oakley?

Response: The name of the construction project engineer will be provided once the construction schedule is determined and a construction project engineer is assigned.

We appreciate the GJA's interest in the MD 146 at MD 145 Intersection Improvement project. Should the GJA members have additional questions, or desire information at any time, please feel free to email or call me at 410-229-2321. Additionally, Ms. Kim Livezey, the project team leader, can be reached at 410-229-2329 or by email at klivezey@sha.state.md.us.

Sincerely,

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