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Meeting Minutes

GDOT, APS & School Principal

Project Name

Springdale Park Elementary School

By: Charlie Kirk, Project Manager

Meeting Date: 08/06/09

Meeting Time: 4:00 PM

Meeting Location: SPARK Conference Room

Attending: Mr. Calvin Duncan, Alania Stewart GDOT

Mr. Charlie Kirk, Ms. Yolander Brown, Mr. Elbert Stringer

1.Introductions

2.General discussions concerning student/parent safety.

3.Briarcliff traffic signal at Ponce deLeon, possible change to 20 seconds

count down indicator for pedestrians. **This intersection was upgraded a couple of years prior. At present, it functions efficiently with the exception of the ped. countdown timers. At present, neither GDOT nor City of Atlanta has funding to install the requested timers.**

4.New enhanced pedestrian crosswalks on Briarcliff at St. Charles, Briarcliff

at Ponce deLeon and Springdale and Ponce deLeon as possibility. **At present the existing crosswalks function is acceptable. GDOT contends that the width of the existing crosswalks to be adequate for controlled channelization of pedestrians to safe utilization of existing facilities. Budget constraints will not allow for eradication and reconstruction of new ADA ramps to accommodate oversized crosswalks at the aforementioned locations. The GDOT will gladly revisit this location in the future for additional consideration.**

5.Discussion of possible overhead warning flashers on Ponce. Although this is a state route, traffic signals and flashers are maintained by the local government (City of Atlanta). COA has indicated that they are unable to install flashers at present due to budgetary limitations. Additionally, as discussed the utilities along this location are underground and it is extremely costly to tap into a power source. In a previous attempt to implement solar power flasher for the Padea School the COA attempted unsuccessfully to install solar powered units due to the full canopy of the large trees

along this section of roadway. The fullness of the canopy on existing trees prevents the solar unit from receiving enough sunlight to power the unit efficiently.

6. Discussion of new school zone signs on Braircliff and Ponce at 100 ft each side and ends of school zone, or extend Padiea zone. Signing and installation of the existing school zone insures that motorist traveling along Springdale and turning onto Ponce de Leon are advised of the school zone they are entering for legal enforcement purposes. The Department contends that this is the most effective manner of proper notification of motorist of the existing school zone for safety.

7. Discussed possible radar flashing signs, solar operated. See explanation to number 5 above.

8. Discussed that APS did not meet with GDOT on driveway turning radiuses. APS failed to contact GDOT for approved driveway upgrades until the final stage of the project at which time work was being completed for the schools opening. In an effort to work with APS District Seven Traffic Operations allowed the existing driveways to remain and with the understanding that the driveways were listed as historic and limited in upgrades by COA zoning. GDOT will gladly work with the APS system to improve the existing driveways to new Departmental standards upon request and submittal. It shall be the responsibility of APS to perform any such upgrades, etc.

9. Discussed that even though APS did not meet GDOT would do everything to move the process forward quickly.

The Georgia Department of Transportation performed this analysis and implementation as advised.

10. Discussed GDOT assessment in 2 weeks to do actual traffic count for new Signage, etc. At present, the Georgia Department of Transportation has completed its analysis, approval and installation of the requested school zone for Springdale Elementary to take steps to provide a safe route to school for this facility.

11. Discussed adding school zone sign at St. Charles & Briarcliff intersection. Done!

12. Discussed writing letter to City about sidewalk replacements. The maintenance of sidewalk is the responsibility of the local government. This should be addressed by COA.