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## Safer Crosswalks for Lee Highway in Cherrydale. Not on Oakland and not on Pollard.

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Per below: This is the DEx COUnTy Memo on the subject of crossing Oakland at Lee Hwy, and relevant to the issue of the controversial new walk like on Pollard at the Lee intersection.

All intersections along Lee Hwy are legal crossings. Hence the disabled resident struck by a car on Lee Hwy, 9 PM on a rainy night, should not have been cited. So county should look into this , remove the ticket if one was actually issued.

Further, re the crossing at Oakland,

- Lee Highway is a State trunkline therefore; we cannot install a crosswalk at Oakland Drive without their permission.
- . Presence of marked crosswalks gave a false sense of security to the pedestrians. The recent research clearly predicts that pedestrian collisions would increase on Lee Highway at Oakland Street if crosswalks were to be marked.
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Do you need VDOT permission to install a cross light at Pollard next to Lee HWY? While I think it is an overstatement to say the recent research "clearly predicts that pedestrian collisions would increase" if a cross walk were added, I would think one could definitely say the same thing about a walk light on Pollard. This is where cars on Lee and turn right on red. And the firestation is there slightly limiting view. It would be best NOT to have a walk light there as it's the cars we worry about.

And further no pedestrian in their right mind is going to NOT WALK across Pollard when the light is red. It's a LONG LIGHT on a relatively little used road, compared to others. Pedestrian will look both ways and cross. Adding a WALK LIGHT though, might mean pedestrian does NOT look both ways but just crosses

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**ARLINGTON COUNTY**, VIRGINIA

**Interdepartmental Memorandum**

**February 10, 2012**

**To:** Barbara Donnellan, County Manager, Arlington County

**From:** Department of Environmental Services, TE &O

**Subject:** 378571/2451478

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**Issue(s) to be addressed:**

- Unmarked crosswalk and pedestrian ramps at the intersection of Lee Highway and Oakland Street.
- Streetlights on Lee Highway between Monroe and Pollard Streets.

**Current Status/Findings:**

- State law requires crosswalks marked or unmarked exist at all the intersections. And these crosswalks must be made accessible to all people who may want to exercise their right to cross there. If the ramps at these unmarked crosswalks are removed, the County will be opened to DOJ action.
- According to the results of recent studies published in Institute of Transportation Engineers Handbook higher crash rates were found on marked crosswalks without taking additional measures, compared to unmarked crosswalks under similar roadway conditions. Presence of marked crosswalks gave a false sense of security to the pedestrians. The recent research clearly predicts that pedestrian collisions would increase on Lee Highway at Oakland Street if crosswalks were to be marked.
- In view of the above, there is a strong guidance in Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (which is adopted as Federal, State and County law) to avoid marking of

crosswalk at every intersection. VDOT also have a policy for spacing of marked crosswalks and of traffic signals. Lee Highway at Oakland Street does not meet VDOT criteria. Lee Highway is a State trunkline therefore; we cannot install a crosswalk at Oakland Drive without their permission.

- Given the above facts, we do not recommend installation of a marked crosswalk on Lee Highway at Oakland.
- The County owned streetlights at that location were repaired the night after we received the complaint. Other County owned streetlights that were out within six blocks repaired within two days, and DVP repaired their outages within a few weeks.
- We do not have streetlight staff available to patrol for outages; we rely on citizen notification.
- Though the few streetlights were out, the intersection of Lee Highway and Oakland Street has plenty of ambient light, which was not below the light levels for a roadway of that class, volume and speed. We do not rely on ambient light, but that reinforces the results that found lighting conditions were not a factor in the pedestrian collision.

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**Subject:** FW: Cherrydale Listserv -- Safer Crosswalk for Lee Highway in Cherrydale

Jay, still waiting for response re the cross walk at Oakland and Lee Hwy.

Before county spends money on crosswalks elsewhere, can they discuss w us the plans for changes in cross walk in front of the CVFD fire station vs at Oakland. Recall the interviews of disabled, and where they prefer to walk. Also my request to just put a camera and observe where people really cross.

Betty, you might have insight into the plans. we would like to understand better the plans and discuss before implementation.

thanks

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**From:**

**Sent:** Monday, October 28, 2013 5:47 PM

**To:** Ross, Maureen

**Subject:** Re: Cherrydale Listserv -- Safer Crosswalk for Lee Highway in Cherrydale

You might want to mention the County is going to add another crosswalk signal on a new pole at the intersection in front of the CVFD fire station right at Pollard Street. The pavement is already marked. Seems the money would be better spent

down the street.

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**Subject:** RE: Cherrydale Listserve -- Safer Crosswalk for Lee Highway in Cherrydale

After the patient at Cherrydale Rehab was hit, I asked to have crosswalk put there, as it's where they cross and there are handicap ramps. Instead, the police cited the patient for illegal crossing and I was told they would not put a cross walk there.

I figure, if this is where people in wheel chairs find it easiest to cross, let's put it there.

So, we will need a bunch of calls to the County Board and County Manager, and copy them this video.

And if I have a volunteer willing to do this, FANTASTIC! Let me know.

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**From:** [CherrydaleCitizens@yahoo.com](mailto:CherrydaleCitizens@yahoo.com) [<mailto:CherrydaleCitizens@yahoo.com>] **On Behalf Of** Alisa Tanaka-Dodge  
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**Subject:** Re: Cherrydale Listserve -- Safer Crosswalk for Lee Highway in Cherrydale

Thanks for posting - is there a petition process for getting the crosswalk added? Or a process to appeal to the county on civil rights (disability access) grounds?

Thanks,

Alisa

On Oct 27, 2013, at 4:30 PM, Ross, Maureen wrote:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X3FhrINtMdg>

Check this out. I was given permission by our neighbor to post this in an effort to get the cross walk.

Sent from my iPad

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