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RE: Proposed Wentworth Drive Improvements Project

Dear Wentworth Drive Property Owner/Resident:

Over the past several weeks, we have received excellent feedback from many of you regarding the four options for improvements that were presented at the public open house. Based on the feedback received, there is not a clear consensus of which option the majority of the property owners and residents prefer and there are a few residents that don't want to see any improvements made at all.

Based on the feedback from residents that do want to see a sidewalk installed along Wentworth Drive, we have developed a fifth option for consideration. A typical section for this option is attached and the plan view can be viewed online at: <http://www.winchesterva.gov/wentworth-drive-improvements>. This option includes the following:

1. To minimize the impact to front yards and reduce the number of large trees that would need to be removed, only one six-foot wide sidewalk would be constructed on the south side of Wentworth, directly behind the curb. There would be no sidewalk on the north side.
2. As some on-street parking is important for some residents, on-street parking would be provided only on the north side of the street.
3. Since a sidewalk would only be provided on one side, a raised crosswalk would be provided at each of the three intersections (Applecroft, Beechcroft, and Russelcroft). These raised crosswalks would also help slow traffic speeds which were noted as a concern by many.
4. Since a raised crosswalk would be installed on Wentworth at the Russelcroft intersection and, since an all-way stop is not warranted as per criteria on the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, only traffic on Russelcroft would be required to stop (the stop signs would be removed on Wentworth).

While no option will please everyone, we developed this fifth option with thoughts that it may be the best compromise for the majority of the residents. We welcome any comments or feedback on this option you may have. **Please email your comments to Kelly Henshaw, City Engineer, at Kelly.Henshaw@winchesterva.gov by Monday, September 18, if possible.**

At present, we are planning to take this project to the City Council work session on September 26 for discussion and City Council's consideration. There will be no decision made by City Council that night, but City Council may forward the matter for formal action at the regular meeting on October 10. Both of these meetings are open to the public.

We thank everyone for your interest in this project and for taking the time to provide us with valuable feedback.

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