

Updates on NBPOA Request to Pinellas County for Safety Crossings

NBPOA Meeting – August 10, 2017

For earlier updates February – May 2017, please see minutes for May 11, 2017, posted online at <http://bardmoornorth.org/meetings.html>

July 11 – Sharon Morris, Traffic Field Investigator, informed Edie that the research had been completed on the data from the two cameras installed May 2 – 8th at top of light posts on Bardmoor Place and Longwood Drive. Traffic frequency and speed rates of vehicles were not sufficient to warrant safety crossings at either location. Their plans to address residents' complaints are as follows:

- 1) Excessive speeds on Bardmoor Place:
 - The County Traffic Department will refresh existing signs on Bardmoor Place, but will not provide additional cautionary signs.
 - They will repaint striping on speed bumps. Yellow paint cannot be used because it does not reflect at night as well as white paint.
- 2) Excessive speeds on Longwood Drive:
 - The County will provide a designated crossing pathway for pedestrians from the east side of Longwood to walk to Bardmoor Promenade shopping center, but the County must first negotiate with DDR Corporation to continue this designated pathway to avoid safety issues from trucks that access the two loading bays behind Publix.
- 3) Trucks and school busses cutting through Bardmoor from Starkey Road to Bryan Dairy:
 - The County will install a "No Trucks" traffic sign for vehicles turning right from Starkey Road onto Bardmoor Place.

August 8 – Edie contacted Sharon Morris to inform her that residents have not seen a change in excessive speeding on Bardmoor Place, despite enhancements described in #1 above.

Ms. Morris advised Edie to email residents' concerns and requests to Debra Jaramillo, Studies and Investigation Manager, Public Works and Traffic Engineering. After conversations with residents, including Jennifer Sullivan, who represents Bardmoor parents of young children, Edie emailed the following requests to Ms. Jaramillo on August 9th:

- That the County attach a flashing light on each of the two 15 mph signs that are in place now at the beginning of the speed hump zone from each direction
- That a 25 mph speed limit be posted after the first speed hump in the speed control zone for drivers going either way. (Presently, drivers continue to speed up right after crossing a speed hump without the reminder of a 25 mph sign.)

In addition,

- If the county wishes permission of residents along Bardmoor Place to install signs or flashing lights, many residents have already indicated their willingness to help distribute petitions for residents to sign.

Ms. Jaramillo's email reply on August 9th stated that she will respond to these requests during the Week of August 14.