## Maxwell Hill Area Traffic Study

#### Public Meeting #1

#### **PURPOSE**

A public meeting was held from 5:30 to 7:30 June 15, 2016 at the Maxwell Hill Community Center to identify and define current transportation issues in the area and discuss cost effective solutions to reduce cut through traffic. Representatives from Burgess and Niple facilitated presentations on behalf of the Fayette Raleigh MPO (FRM). Members of FRM, the WV Division of Highways, and local law enforcement were present to host the meeting, gather input on residents' concerns, and address the perceived problems.

Thirty people signed in at the meeting and thirteen comment forms were returned, either at the meeting or via email. Participants also utilized large maps of the area to mark problem locations and possible alternative routes or solutions to alleged difficulties. The comment forms and list of map remarks are attached.

#### SUMMARY OF COMMENT FORMS

The following comments, in general terms, are listed in order of locally voiced support as reflected by the comment forms. The map comments are listed individually below.

Issue	Number of Responses
Speeding	11
High Traffic/Large Vehicles	10
General Safety	6
Property Damage, Vandalism, Trash	6
Accidents	4
Difficulty Exiting Driveway	4
Lack of Sidewalks	2
Narrow Road	2

The following solutions, in general terms, are listed in order of locally voiced support as reflected by the comment forms. The map comments are listed individually below.

Solution	Number of Responses	
Create Bypass or Block Roads	7	(Participant drafted a bypass plan attached in comments)
Increase patrols, monitoring, ticketing, tolls	8	
Install Signage	6	
Install Speed Bumps	3	
Decrease Speed Limit	2	
Repave/widen Roads	2	

#### MAP COMMENTS

- Accidents occur at the intersection of Tally Ho Drive and Maxwell Hills Road
- Speeding occurs along Maxwell Hills Road near the intersection of Bellewood Lane making it dangerous to cross the road and check the mail.
- It is difficult to pull out onto Pinewood Drive at the sharp curve near Elmridge Court where the berm of the road is damaged by large trucks, multiple accidents have occurred, and yards and mailboxes have been damaged.
- Holliday Drive previously formed a dead end at Painter Drive.
- There exists a dangerous curve on Pinewood Drive at the school near Florida Avenue.
- Speeding and heavy traffic exists on Holliday Drive.
- It is difficult to pull out from at the intersection of New River and Pikeview Drive.
- Traffic using Maxwell Hills to access Dry Hill Road may use Teel Road when measures to limit traffic on Maxwell Hills is implemented.
- Tractor trailers with trailers use Pinewood Drive.
- Speeding evident at the intersection of Elmridge Ct and Pinewood Drive making it difficult to turn onto Pinewood.
- Evening sun affects visibility at the sharp curve on Pinewood near the intersection of Pineridge Drive.
- Multiple accidents and speeding on curve at intersection of Pinewood and Pineridge Drives
- Low visibility from driveways turning onto Pinewood Drive at the sharp turn near the intersection with the school driveway.
- High speed motorcycles occur along Maxwell Hill Road near the intersection of Olympia Drive
- Residents have difficulty backing out of driveways and crossing the street onto Maxwell Hill Road between the intersections of Pinewood Drive and Maxwell Hill to Christopher Drive and Maxwell Hill
- Multiple accidents and people running the stop sign at the intersection of Pinewood Drive and Maxwell Hill where a truck has hit a house in the past.
- Tractor trailers get stuck at the intersection of Teel Road and Maxwell Hill Road
- Tractor trailers get stuck at the intersection of Holliday Drive and Pikeview Drive
- Speed concerns expressed at the intersection of Holliday Drive and Pikeview Drive specifically near 504
   Pikeview Drive
- Concerns cited about children's safety on Holliday Drive between Teel Road and Tolley Drive
- There is difficulty turning left from New River Drive onto Robert C Byrd Drive due to traffic
- Accidents have occurred on Pinewood in the sharp turn near the school exit.
- People run the stop sign at the intersection of Teel Road and Maxwell Hill Road
- 510 Pinewood Drive has repetitive problems with mailbox vandalism, slick winter conditions of the road, trash in the yard, dirt on the house, and difficulty pulling out
- Walking to the Elementary school along Pinewood is not possible due to lack of sidewalks and safety concerns

Participants suggested the following solutions on the maps provided:

- Installing signage at the intersection of New River and Pikeview Drive to detour trucks from Pikeview Drive to New River Drive.
- Blocking access to New River Drive new its juncture with Pikeview Drive
- Installing a traffic light at the intersection of Harper Drive and Crescent Road
- Creating a dead end on Holliday Drive at the intersection of Teel Road

- Installing signage on Old Route 19 when the Z-way is completed
- Install a three way stop sign at the intersection of Maxwell Hills and Teel Road
- Install a stop sign at the intersection of Pinewood Drive and Maxwell Hill on Maxwell Hill Road
- Realign New River Drive to run between Ollie's and Rhonda'ss Pharmacy and intersect with Robert C Byrd Drive just south of the junction of Robert C. Byrd and N. Kanawha Street.
- Creating a one way street from the Robert C. Byrd Drive beside Ken William's Body Shop to the sharp curve in Caldwell Street.
- Installing a traffic light at the junction of New River Drive and Robert C Byrd Drive.
- Place a truck warning sign on Pinewood Drive at the parking lot of the Church of God
- Place speed humps at the sharp curve on Pinewood Drive near the intersection of Pineridge Drive
- Extend Teel Road northeast through the powerline right of way and connect to Pinewood Drive between the Church of God and Yellowwood Way.
- Block Pikeview Drive before the intersection of New River Drive and create a bypass at Busy Bees childcare center southwest over undeveloped land to Pikeview Drive just south of N. Heights Drive
- Place truck warning sign on Pikeview Drive at the first curve from the intersection of Pikeview Drive and Harper Road allowing them the opportunity to turn around behind the Super 8 motel and back onto Harper Road.
- Realign Pikeview Drive near the intersection of Holliday Drive.

One participant proposed a 3 phase plan including:

#### Phase 1

Create an intersection at Pinewood Drive and Yellowwood Way and extend a road down through the powerline right of way, removing the house at 900 Maxwell Hill Road and connecting to Tolley Drive.

#### Phase 2

Create a road from the intersection of Teel Road and Maxwell Hill running along the powerline right of way to the south side of Michigan Avenue. Use another powerline right of way to extend the new road to New River Drive near Busy Bee's Child Care Center.

#### Phase 3

Create a new road from the terminus of Phase 2 on New River Drive through the powerline right of way to Pikeview Drive near Pikeview Manor Apartments.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

- Consider options to address identified needs and deficiencies.
- Recommend logical, affordable, and most importantly, implementable solutions

## **Comment Survey**

Tell us about your experiences within the Maxwell Hill area. Please be as specific as possible. You may use the back of this form and/or additional sheets as necessary.

What is your experience with traffic "cutting through" the residential areas of Maxwell Hill?

1) Too much traffic for neighborhood
@ No sidewalks to walk to school to use
playground
@ Difficult to pull out of driveway
H) Speeding
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(6) BB Gun & Paintballs shot at house
Wirash thrown in yard
8) Mailbox hit & knocked down multiple
9) Mowing grass - hard cut near road
What do you think can be done to reduce cut-through traffic through the residential areas?
Not sure - Hope something
can be done!
Name: Claytina Shepherd Date: 6-15-16
Address: 510 Pinewood Drive, Beckley, WV
Email (optional for project updates): CShepher d @ suddenlink net

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- 90% or more speed that thru area
- Heavy traffic @ all hours - even
late into evening
- Trouble getting out of drive way
- Trouble doing yard work
- Children cannot play in Front yards
- Heavy trucks damaging berms of roads
- Speed limit of 25 MPH not enforced
- 4- wheelers & motoreycles speeding thru
- cannot retrieve mail safely; mailboxes knocked
What do you think can be done to reduce cut-through traffic through the residential areas?
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- Dead end Holliday Drive a Painter and
also @ Teel Road
- Build a "go-around connector road" from
Pinewood of Teel Road
- New River Drive may need to be re-paved ??
Name: Susan Johnson Date: 6-14-16
Address: 113 Holliday Drive, Beckley
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Email (optional for project updates): ds oh 49@ aol.com

- Removable speed bumps - could remove during
winter months
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# **Comment Survey**

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What is your experience with traffic "cutting through" the residential areas of Maxwell Hill?

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OF KIDS THAT LIVE IN THE AREA. I HEAR MY
FAIR SHAPE OF SKIDDING TIRES AT ALL HOURS,
MOSTLY AT NIGHT.
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By THE Executive Director, Fayette Raleigh Metropolitan Planning Organization at 885 Broad Street Suite 100, Summersville, WV 26651; phone: (304) 872-4970 ext. 307; or email: <a href="mailto:ituggle@reg4wv.org">ituggle@reg4wv.org</a> on or before Friday, July
AMILY WORSHIP1, 2016.

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Thank you for your valuable input! If you have additional comments or questions please contact: John Tuggle,
Executive Director, Favette Raleigh Metropolitan Planning Organization at 885 Broad Street Suite 100

Summersville, WV 26651; phone: (304) 872-4970 ext. 307; or email: jtuggle@reg4wv.org on or before Friday, July 1, 2016.

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Address: 1104 Maxwell Rd, Beckley WV 25801
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Name: Anda Walton Date: 6-16-16
Address: 100 Napuelo Hill Rd.
Email (optional for project updates):

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THINK OF IS TO BUILT A NEW ROAD FROM GISCHOWER

CYOSSING RC.BYRD CONNECTING WITH NEW RIVER Drive.

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Name: TOM RAPP

Date: 6-15 2010

Address: 1209 MAX Well HILL RD

Email (optional for project updates):

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From: <u>John Tuggle</u>
To: <u>Wendell Salyer</u>

 Cc:
 Cassandra Hughart; Thieken, Steve

 Subject:
 Re: Maxwell Hill Area Traffic Study

 Date:
 Friday, June 17, 2016 3:59:53 PM

Mr. Salyer,

Thank you very much for your input, we really appreciate it.

We will add your comments to the information being gathered by our Consultant.

We look forward to presenting the study results and recommendations to the residents.

Have a great weekend,

John

John Tuggle PE PS
Executive Director
Region 4 Planning and Development Council
304-872-4970

From: Wendell Salyer < wsalyer@powellcc.com>

**Sent:** Friday, June 17, 2016 2:08 PM

To: John Tuggle

**Subject:** Maxwell Hill Area Traffic Study

Comments for the Maxwell Hill Area Traffic Study. Thanks for your interest.

**From:** noreply@powellcc.com [mailto:noreply@powellcc.com]

**Sent:** Friday, June 17, 2016 1:43 PM

**To:** wsalyer@powellcc.com

**Subject:** Message from KMBT\_C353

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#### Attachment #1

## What is your experience with traffic "cutting through" the residential areas of Maxwell Hill?

The biggest problem is not just volume of traffics, but mainly speed. I do not have children at home, but I live where there is a slight turn and trees which block my sight from oncoming traffic for maybe 100 feet from my driveway. The speed limit is supposed to be 25 mph, but on multiple occasions, I have almost been hit by oncoming traffic just pulling out of my driveway by drivers going I guess 35-45 mph or more. I have observed times when I would estimate drivers travelling on the stretch in front of my home 45 mph, a few times I would guess at least 55 in my straight stretch, including a few crotch rockets and ATV's.

Also, since this is a residential area, there is no space off either side of the road allowing for cars traveling high speeds or "distracted driving" to drop off the edge of the road without striking mailboxes or running over into yards, which could be disastrous if you have kids playing in those yards. I awoke one morning to find deep ruts from tire tracks where someone had apparently run into my yard a good 20 feet off the road. On a couple other occasions, there were tire tracks in my yard maybe 3 -4 feet of the road. On one of those occasions, they took out my neighbors mailbox. When my grandchildren visit, we don't allow them to play in the front yard even with supervision for fear they will be hit by oncoming traffic traveling at a high rate of speed.

#### What do you think can be done to reduce cut-through traffic through the residential areas?

I don't know that there is an option that will satisfy all parties. I know regulating the speed would solve a lot of the issues, but the Beckley Police Department can only do so much and cannot stay on Pinewood Drive all the time. They are stretched thin as it is, and have more serious issues to deal with. When drivers see them out and stopping a few, they do tend to slow down but only for a few days till they get comfortable again.

I know some residents are suggesting blocking off Pinewood Drive and forcing drivers to go out New River Drive, but that would prevent even those who live in the Maxwell Hill residential areas from getting home without going all the way around to Robert C. Byrd Drive, which is not feasible. It might help some if the road was blocked off at Pinecrest Apartments before the intersection of Teal Drive, and again at Maxwell Hill Baptist Church that would direct through drivers to Maxwell Hill Road, where they could then turn to go down the hill Maxwell Hill Elementary, bypassing at least part of the residential areas.

Another option that would discourage those drivers that do not want to observe the speed limit from going through Pinewood Drive is 6" high speed bumps about every 50 yards or so. At least it will slow those down that value their car and also allow those pulling out of their driveways a chance to pull into traffic without it being a hit or miss proposition whether they are going to get hit. Those that have a lead foot will go around rather that put up with the speed bumps. Coupled with the speed bumps could be a sign at each end that states (if can be done under current law) something along the lines of "Slow Kids At Play 25mph" and maybe like you see in construction zones where fines are double the normal range.

There are still people who don't care and speed through construction zones, but those are few and far between but this is probably the cheapest option to see if it will work first.

As far as the speed limit, I think 25 mph is fine and maybe even give them 5 more before citing. I don't think it needs to be reduced any further if drivers would just stay in that range.

From: <u>John Tuggle</u>
To: <u>Dangerfield, Ami L</u>

Cc: <u>Thieken, Steve; Jason Roberts; Cassandra Hughart; Amanda Smarr; Cori Edwards</u>

Subject: Re: Maxwell Hill experience

Date: Friday, June 17, 2016 4:14:24 PM

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Ami,

Thank you very much for your comments, we will add them to the information being gathered by our Consultant.

The water hose is a great idea!

Automatic ticketing is a good suggestion, it will take some political backbone to implement.

We look forward to the results our consultant comes up with and will share them with the public for review.

Thanks again and have a great weekend,

John

John Tuggle PE PS
Executive Director
Region 4 Planning and Development Council
304-872-4970

From: Dangerfield, Ami L < Ami.L. Dangerfield@wv.gov>

**Sent:** Friday, June 17, 2016 2:34 PM

**To:** John Tuggle

Subject: Maxwell Hill experience

Hi John,

I live in Fayette County but visit 420 Maxwell Hill Road for my son's weekly piano lesson. I have always noticed how it is quite the speedway and often wondered what residents thought of the amount of traffic and their speed, so I was glad to see the article in the Register-Herald.

The piano lesson is about 45 minutes so I will either pull into the driveway and wait (facing the road), or go run errands after dropping him off. So either 1 or 2 trips in and out of the drive way each Wednesday evening (around 6:00 - 6:45.) I regularly have trouble getting out of their driveway (it is a steep driveway near some curves.) I usually roll my window down so I can listen for a car coming. Otherwise I hope for the best and gun it. The curviness of that area doesn't allow for much visibility if a speeder is involved.

I REALLY do not see lowering the speed limit as the solution. I live on West Maple Avenue in Fayetteville and we have the exact same problem. People use it to avoid Rt. 19 stoplights and speed traps. Our house also has a steep drive that you go uphill to exit and I hold my breath each time I turn left. I've almost been rear-ended many times by people speeding while cresting the hill near Lively St. (coming from town towards Fayetteville High School). And that is a 25 mph zone changing to a 30 mph just before my house. People do 50 on a regular basis.

Show you speed signs don't work (we've had those on W Maple). A fairly low speed limit doesn't phase anyone. Children riding their bikes on the sidewalk and crossing the street don't slow anyone down. The only thing that brings the speeders down on our street is when a policeman is parked on Francesa Street in view of traffic. Increased stop signs or speed bumps have always been the topic of our conversations. That, and spraying speeders with our water hose

We lived in Cedar Rapids, Iowa when they decided to install speeding cameras (in town and on the interstate) which issued tickets through the mail. People were very mad about them, but the drivers slowed down and the fatalities on I-280 decreased dramatically.

Sorry for the very long message, but as avid porch-sitters on W Maple and car-waiters on Maxwell Hill, we have logged many hours observing these issues.

Thank you for your time,

Ami Dangerfield
Assistant
Fayette County Commission
304.574.4290

## TRAFFIC PETITION SUMMARY August 11, 2016

My name is David Johnson. I was born and raised in Beckley and have lived at 113 Holliday Drive for 20 years. Twenty years ago we had traffic on our street, but it was nothing like the traffic issue we are facing today.

As a concerned citizen I've attended some City Council Meetings and at one we discussed the traffic situation on Holliday and Pinewood Drive. After that meeting I discussed the situation with Mayor O'Brien, Tom Sopher, our City Council Member, and the Chief of Police. As a result of these conversations, a couple of signs regarding trucks were put up on our streets. These signs have had no effect on the traffic and have not been enforced. I've also called the City Police to ask them to slow down the traffic.

The traffic situation puts the residents on these streets in great danger. I walked from Maxwell Hill Road to Teel Road with a petition regarding the traffic situation. I quickly obtained 45 signatures from concerned citizens. Only one individual decided not to sign because he didn't want to get involved. The petitions were dropped off at the Mayor's Office yesterday. The one concern most often mentioned was the lack of police presence on these streets. Other concerns mentioned are:

- 1. These residential streets were not designed to carry the traffic load which is now on it. More traffic is expected with the completion of the intersection at Rt. 19 and Pinewood Drive.
- 2. The 25 MPH speed limit is not being enforced.
- 3. Tractor trailers and commercial vehicles routinely travel these residential streets.
- 4. Streets are being damaged by the large trucks.
- 5. This route is routinely used by motorists as a "short-cut" between Harper Road and Eisenhower Drive.
- Mail boxes have been knocked down.
- 7. Vehicles parked alongside the street have been hit.
- 8. Children cannot play safely in their front yards.
- 9. Pets have been run over.

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- 10. Individuals cannot get in and out of their driveways safely.
- 11. Danger in doing yard work in front yards.
- 12. Inconvenience of traffic and noise; not being able to enjoy our property as we once did.
- 13. The traffic is negatively affecting property values.
- 14. Two individuals asked why the yellow lines had been painted on the streets making it look like a state road, and they felt the lines encouraged more traffic.
- 15. During the slow traffic hours (middle of the day) a resident stated she had counted 40 cars in 5 minute period.

16. Last fall a wreck @ gorner of Elmridge Court and Pinewood Drive in which a vehicle hit the ditch line, Flipped over, and rolled into a yard.

Flipped over, and rolled into a yard.

17. Now we have a lot of speeding motor cycles and 4-wheelers traveling our streets.

Some suggestions made by concerned citizens include the following:

- 1. Removable speed bumps.
- 2. Speed monitors on light poles.
- 3. Closing street to truck traffic with a sign "No Trucks."
- 4. Lowering the speed limit to 15 MPH.
- 5. Re-routing "short-cut" traffic thru New River Drive and/or other state roads.
- 6. Closing off one end of Holliday Drive.

We would greatly appreciate help from all of our local and state officials to alleviate this traffic situation before it gets any worse.

Thank you.

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#### **FOLLOW-UP TO TRAFFIC PETITION**

#### September 8, 2015

My name is David Johnson. I am a concerned citizen and I live at 113 Holliday Drive. I spoke at the City Council Meeting on August 11 regarding the heavy traffic and speeding vehicles on the residential street of Holliday Drive and residential section of Pinewood Drive. I also delivered a petition to the mayor that day with 45 signatures which I gathered from other concerned citizens living on these streets.

Although there is a City ordinance on the books which states road not suitable for vehicles over 10,000 lbs and signs are posted on the streets which state this, tractor trailers and large service trucks continue to travel the streets. A tractor trailer came through at 6:30 yesterday evening and one came through at 7:40 this morning. Also, during the past month dump trucks have been traveling our street (I have observed them mostly between 6:30 and 8: 30 in the mornings). Last week there was a wreck at the corner of Elmridge Court and Pinewood Drive in which the vehicle hit the ditch line, flipped over, and rolled into a yard. During the past month I have not observed any police presence to slow down the speeding traffic. Labor Day traffic was so heavy it was like living on a speedway.

Last month, when residents were signing the petition asking for relief from the traffic situation, many of them commented that they did not think we would receive any help from our City Government. I would like to think when citizens have a known and proven problem in the City that our officials will respond positively and provide some type of solution to help relieve the problem. While we realize no solution will please everyone, any effort on our behalf would be greatly appreciated.

I would like to close by asking two questions:

#### For the present:

Question #1: What short term solutions are being considered to help our traffic situation now?

<u>For the future</u>: I have been told that funds will be released at the end of this year for road improvements in the Beckley area and that a section of road will be constructed which will allow traffic to by pass Holliday and Pinewood by using this new section of state road.

**Question #2**: Can you tell me if this section of road is being considered for construction next year?

Thank you.

David Johnson

A Concerned Citizen

TO:

Concerned Citizens of Holliday Drive and Pinewood Drive

RE:

Traffic Problems on our Streets

The traffic petition which many of you recently signed was hand-delivered to the Mayor's Office on August 11. I spoke at City Council meetings on August 11 and September 8 to discuss the speeding traffic and large trucks which are traveling our streets.

Two City Council Members (Cedric Robertson and Tim Berry), along with the City Police Commissioner, J.T. Scott, have been working to help organize an effort for increased police presence on our streets to ENFORCE THE SPEED LIMIT OF 25 MPH. Additional signage for the road is being discussed by Mayor O'Brien and Mr. Robinson, of the City Street Department.

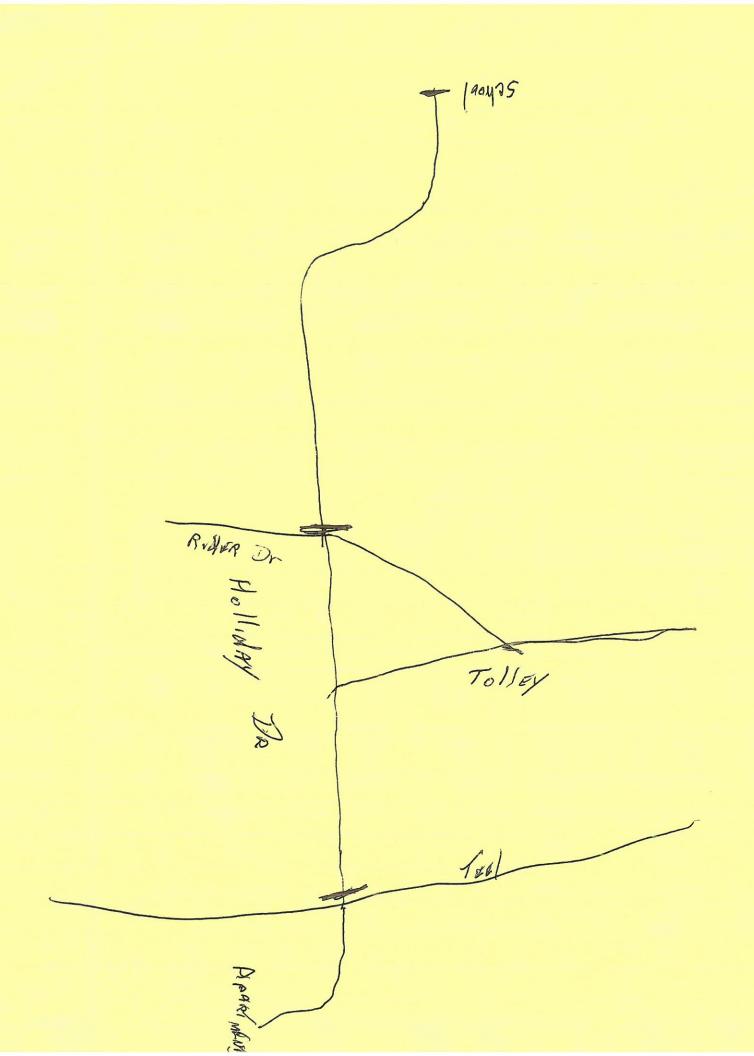
I ask that if at all possible you attend the next City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm next Tuesday, September 22, at 409 South Kanawha. If you can, please take time to state your concerns in person. All you have to do is sign the sheet after you enter the door. At the end of the Council Meeting you will be given up to 3 minutes to state your concerns.

If you don't want to talk, please attend anyway to show your support. Now is the time to act while we have the attention of our City officials.

Please call me if I can answer any questions.

David Johnson, A Concerned Citizen 113 Holliday Drive (304-252-8296)

09-18-15



# Observed Traffic Holliday and Pinewood Drives, Beckley

#### September 10, 2015 (Observed for 1 ½ hours):

8 am	United Dairy Tractor Trailer
8:50 am	Summit Supply Pickup loaded with pipe
8:55 am	Pickup pulling a small dozer on a trailer
9 am	Enterprise Box Van
9:10 am	Asplunda large truck
9:15 am	Fleetpride large truck
9:20 am	Aramark
9:25 am	Heavenly Landscapes Truck pulling a large trailer
9:26 am	Quality aluminum & Gutters – 2 large trucks traveling together

The above-listed vehicles were observed, along with numerous cars and pick-up trucks, many box trucks, and pick-ups pulling trailers loaded with equipment All were seen within the 1½ hour period.

During the past two weeks when I was traveling our street I saw the following:

- A car carrier hauling 3 cars.
- A large truck from Backwoods Towing loaded with culvert pipes at least 2 ft. in diameter (9 pieces of pipe total)
- On at least 3 occasions, Jane Lee Tandum Dump Trucks (9/14; 9/16; 9/17)
- ALSCO Truck

Traffic is continually worsening in our area and many of the tractor trailers and large trucks are not marked with company names.

Thank you.

**David Johnson** 

A Concerned Citizen

# TRAFFIC PETITION UPDATE September 22, 2015

My name is David Johnson. I am a concerned citizen and I live at 113 Holliday Drive on Maxwell Hill. I spoke at the City Council meetings on August 11 and September 8 regarding the traffic situation on Holliday and Pinewood Drive -- which is speeding vehicles and overweight trucks.

Tonight, I would like to thank City Council Member At Large, Sedric Robertson, and City Police Commissioner, J. T. Scott, for their concerned efforts on our behalf. I also would like to thank our Police Officers for all they are presently doing in the City to keep us safe, and for the strong police presence which we observed today in our area, slowing down the traffic.

Additional signs for our street are being considered by Mayor O'Brien and Mr. Robinson of the City Street Department. A traffic speed box has been put on a telephone pole on our street to monitor traffic speed.

Traffic is usually at its peak in the morning hours from 6-9 and in the evening hours from 4 to 6. Traffic is continually getting worse in our area so we very much appreciate all efforts being made on our behalf. IS MPH LIKE WHER STREET IN BECKLEY

Thank you.

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TO: Mayor Bill O'Brien; City Council Members; Raleigh County Commission Members; WV State Dept. of Highways

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Some suggestions which have been made by residents include, but are not limited to the following:

- The traffic pattern could be changed to redirect the "short-cut" thru traffic to New River Drive and/or other state roads which are already available to help carry this burden.
- 2. Traffic could also be slowed down with removable speed bumps which could be removed during the winter months to accommodate snow plows.

We respectfully request something be done now so the situation will not get completely out of hand when the new interchange is opened. Please help with some solution(s) to ease the traffic burden which has been placed upon us.

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From: <u>Thieken, Steve</u>
To: <u>Schenk, Kendra</u>

**Subject:** FW: Maxwell Hill Area Traffic Study Public Meeting June 15, 2016

**Date:** Wednesday, June 22, 2016 5:18:00 PM

Attachments: Maxwell Hill - CONCEPT.pdf

#### **FYI**

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----Original Message-----
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From: Detlef Ulfers [mailto:detlef2006@raleighcounty.com]

Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2016 1:12 PM

To: Thieken, Steve <steve.thieken@burgessniple.com>

Subject: RE: Maxwell Hill Area Traffic Study Public Meeting June 15, 2016

#### Hi Steve:

I have an idea/solution that might help with Maxwell Traffic issue.

Please see the attached PDF.

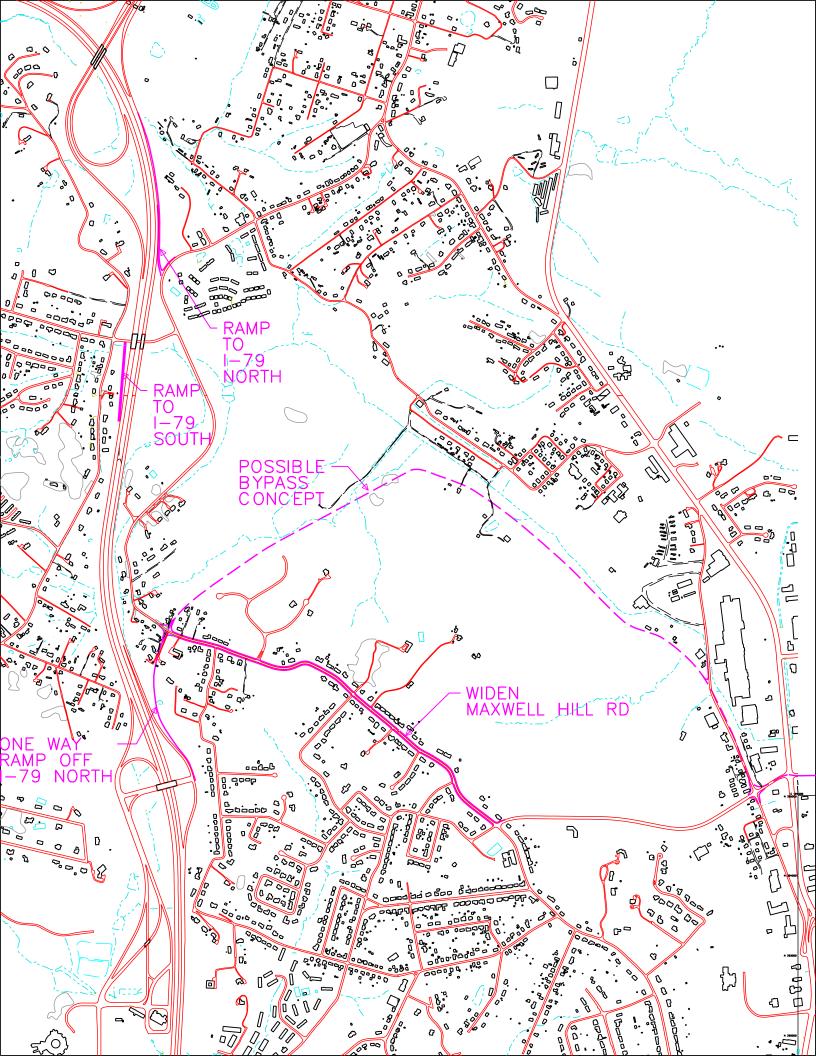
I believe many folks want to short-cut westward from Pinewood Drive to get on the turnpike toward Charleston, WV. I don't know if we can add ramps as shown, if we can then it should alleviate traffic also on Harper Road.

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Sincerely,
Detlef Ulfers
County Engineer
Raleigh County Commission
(304) 255-9326
On 2016-06-10 07:03, Thieken, Steve wrote:
> Hi Detlef,
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> Just attending the 2:00 meeting would be fine. This is the meeting I
> mentioned to you at the Policy Board meeting last month.
> Steve
> STEVE THIEKEN, PE, PTOE, AICP 1 Director, Transportation Systems
> Design and Planning 1 Burgess & Niple
> 614.459.7272 x1356 [1]
> FROM: Amanda Smarr [mailto:asmarr@reg4wv.org]
> SENT: Thursday, June 09, 2016 4:35 PM
> CC: John Tuggle <jtuggle@reg4wv.org>; Cassandra Hughart
> <chughart@reg4wv.org>; Jason Roberts <jasonroberts@regiononepdc.org>;
> Cori Edwards <cori@regiononepdc.org>; best4cheap@yahoo.com; Thieken,
> Steve <steve.thieken@burgessniple.com>
> SUBJECT: Maxwell Hill Area Traffic Study Public Meeting June 15, 2016
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> Hello, how are you? We would like to invite you to join us for a

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> Public Meeting concerning the Maxwell Hill Area Traffic Study on June
> 15, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Please view the attached flyer for additional
> information. We will also be having a small meeting prior to the
> Public Meeting located at Beckley City Hall at 2:00 p.m. on June 15,
> 2016. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to
> contact me. We hope to speak to you soon. Have a great day.
> Amanda Smarr
> Project Assistant
> Region 4 Planning and Development Council
> 885 Broad Street, Suite 100
> Summersville, W.V. 26651
> Phone: 304-872-4970 ext. 301
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