



CITY OF COOPER CITY TOWN HALL MEETING

Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 5:30 PM
City Hall Auditorium | 9090 SW 50th Place

MINUTES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Manager Rey led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Manager Rey opened the meeting at 5:30 PM. He recognized the elected officials present: Mayor Curran, Commissioner Katzman, and Commissioner Mallozzi.

INTRODUCTION OF PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Roundabout at Hiatus Road and NE Lake Boulevard

City Manager Rey discussed the project's history. Talks about the project have been ongoing for nearly a decade. In 2016, the City hired Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc. to perform a traffic study. The study showed the need to reduce excessive speed and crashes. The study also concluded that the intersection didn't meet MUTCD criteria for a traffic signal. Additionally, the 85th percentile speed exceeds the posted limit of 40 MPH by 7 to 10 MPH. The City received a letter of support for the roundabout project from Embassy Lakes on February 24, 2023, and from Rock Creek on March 17, 2023. The City Commission approved a resolution of support for the Design and Construction of a roundabout in March 2023. In April 2024, the City secured a grant from FDOT. In April 2024, the City entered into an agreement with the Corradino Group for the design of the roundabout. District 16 gathered crash data indicating that over the past 10 years, the intersection on NE Lake Blvd and Hiatus Road has had double the number of crashes as other intersections in the City.

Utilities Director Akin Ozaydin explained that there is a speeding issue on this road. A traffic signal for the area was not approved. A four-way stop sign also did not meet the criteria for the area. Staff are working with Broward County to lower the speed limit on the road. A speed bump was also denied as the road is an access road.

City Manager Rey said the City has been reviewing its powers regarding the speed limit. However, we must conduct an analysis. Lowering the speed will only affect individuals who obey speed laws. It is impossible to have an officer stationed at the intersection 24/7.

Diana White with the Corradino Group spoke on two alternatives. Alternative A is a 4-leg roundabout. Alternative B is a smaller 4-leg roundabout.

City Manager Rey stated that the City submitted a Fiscal Year 2024 State Appropriation Request for this project and was awarded \$370,000 to assist in funding the improvements.

A resident inquired about the source of funding for the project. City Manager Rey said it was through grants. The resident asked whether the project had been put out to bid. City Manager Rey responded no.

A resident asked if the project had been approved. City Manager Rey said the design process has been approved. The final determination has not been approved, which is why the City is holding the Town Hall.

A resident suggested that lowering the speed limit would be a helpful deterrent.

A resident mentioned that there have been three accidents annually over the past decade, and this does not warrant the installation of a roundabout.

An Embassy Lakes resident asked what was considered an intersection during the study. He suggested placing speed limit signs in the area to promote safe driving, rather than focusing on the roundabout.

David Sterin, Embassy Lakes resident, said the accidents in the area are caused by speed and visibility issues. There is a need for safety measures in the area. He advised that traffic would be backed up at the roundabout, causing additional dangers. He also spoke on safety for the children.

Ms. White advised that the roundabout would provide crosswalks and spoke on a right-turn-only lane to address stacking.

A resident asked if the intersection numbers are compared to those of other intersections in the City. He wondered if the only options available were the roundabout options or no roundabout at all. City Manager Rey answered yes.

An Embassy Lakes resident said he would have liked to see data on the accidents. The impact of a roundabout in the area will be massive on Embassy Lakes residents. Drivers need to be more responsible, and he disagrees with the roundabout.

Fran Bopin, whose house backs up to Hiatus Road, said speed is a significant issue in the area and needs to be addressed. She also spoke about witnessing many accidents in the area. She also asked for data on accidents in roundabouts.

A 32-year resident of Rock Creek stated that she has never seen an accident in the area and does not support the installation of a roundabout.

Police Captain Andrea Tianga advised that nine of the accidents listed were left turns.

A 36-year resident of Embassy Lakes does not believe the accident report numbers warrant a \$2.4 million roundabout. He has never seen the enforcement of speed on Hiatus Road. He would rather use the money to have deputies enforce the speed limit.

Captain Tianga said there is enforcement on Hiatus Road, and she can look at more enforcement in the area. A resident said that to change behavior, we need to enforce compliance in the area.

Al Alvarez said rumble strips and lowering the speed limit will help deter speeding.

City Manager Rey stated the project was already in progress when he started with the City.

Mr. Alvarez does not support the construction of a roundabout.

City Manager Rey stated that the City has been requesting that Broward County lower the speed limit for years. About a month ago, Broward County finally agreed to allow the City to determine the speed limit after a traffic study is completed.

A resident spoke about her concerns with the proposed roundabout.

A resident spoke about her concerns with a smaller roundabout. She does not support a roundabout and wants to move forward with lowering the speed limit.

Dean Lashbrook, President of Embassy Lakes, advised that he is against the roundabout, and so are many residents.

A resident of Rock Creek spoke about his concerns regarding the structure encroaching on the main line of Embassy Lakes and the removal of trees. He does not support the roundabout.

Lori Green, Embassy Lakes resident, said safety at the intersection has been a topic of discussion for years. The Embassy Lakes Board of Directors provided a letter in support of some traffic mitigation in the area. The primary concern with the roundabout is the proposed crosswalk, where cars will be stacked to enter Embassy Lakes. Ms. White said the crosswalk can be moved. Ms. Green said the money collected is contingent on the roundabout alone. The funds cannot be used for additional police enforcement. Ms. Green said the gate in the area needs to remain open.

Rick Fredricks, a 41-year resident, said he has never seen an attempt to address speeding in the area. He asked if we have any data proving that just lowering the speed limit will not be efficient. Ms. White said many studies have concluded that unless some construction is done, speed is not affected.

City Manager Rey said the City is moving forward with lowering the speed limit.

An Embassy Lakes resident inquired whether the Homeowners Association has reviewed the design. City Manager Rey answered yes. She never has any issues with traffic at the Hiatus Road gate.

A 40-year resident of Rock Creek said that a roundabout will create more issues and is very dangerous.

Mark Friedman, an 8-year resident, believes safety at the intersection is a concern, but the solution of a roundabout was not what was envisioned. City Manager Rey said over a decade ago that a roundabout was determined to be the best solution. Mr. Friedman wants to address the safety and the crosswalk in the intersection but does not support the installation of a roundabout.

Stan Schneider, via Zoom, stated that we need to lower the speed limit and install signage in the area to address concerns before the construction of a roundabout. He also does not want to close the gate for six months. City Manager Rey stated that the gate would not be closed for the entire duration of the project.

Peter, via Zoom, said the accident numbers are not significant. He saw the proposal on social media. He has lived in Rock Creek for 30 years and doesn't recall seeing any accidents at the intersection.

Mike, via Zoom, said roundabouts will cause more traffic concerns.

Roni Sterin, via Zoom, stated that the City is the advocate for its residents. The City needs to communicate to the State or County that the roundabout will not be suitable, so that the money can be used for alternative purposes.

Robin, a resident since 1992, via Zoom, does not support the roundabout.

Fernando Martinez, via Zoom, an Embassy Lakes resident, suggested making a right turn only at the intersection.

A resident asked why we cannot use a traffic camera in the area. Captain Tianga said speed citations cannot be issued using cameras unless it is a school zone.

The City Manager provided a QR code to poll all attendees in person and online.

Adam, via Zoom, an Embassy Lakes resident, does not support a roundabout.

Melissa Conowal, via Zoom, missed the presentation and asked about the alternatives and whether data was presented.

Roni Sterin, via Zoom, said that there have been accidents in the intersection. The problem does exist, but the roundabout is not the solution.

Greg M, via Zoom, a 29-year resident, spoke about the many severe accidents he has witnessed in the intersection. He supports the roundabout to help deter accidents.

City Manager Rey stated the votes. Alternative A received 13.6% of the votes, Alternative B received 5.9% of the votes, and no traffic calming device received 80.5% of the votes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

The minutes of the Town Hall Meeting held on September 18, 2025, were approved during the regular Commission meeting held on October 28, 2025.

Mayor James Curran

Tedra Allen, City Clerk

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Cooper City Hall: Hello, hello, hello.

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Cooper City Hall: We are going to get started, if you don't mind taking a seat, please.

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Cooper City Hall: So, thank you for coming. My name is Alex Ray, I'm your city manager. I just want to recognize some of the elected officials that are here tonight. Mayor James Curran is in the back over there.

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Cooper City Hall: Commissioner Lisa Malossi is on my right, up there, next to Commissioner Jeremy Katzmann.

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Cooper City Hall: Well, no.

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Cooper City Hall: I don't know if anybody or the commissioners are going to join us. We have members of our professional staff here today. We also have some of our consultants. Hopefully, we can help educate you through the process and get some feedbacks from you. So...

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Cooper City Hall: Okay.

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Cooper City Hall: So, we have, in addition to

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Cooper City Hall: You guys, we have some people that are here virtually, and so...

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Cooper City Hall: they'll be able to ask questions the same way that you'll be able to ask questions. We're going to try to leave all the questions to the end, because we're hoping that a lot of the questions will be answered through the presentation that we're doing, but

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Cooper City Hall: feel free that if there's anything that we haven't covered, you know, you'll be... you'll have the opportunity to do that at the end. There's also going to be some polling done at the end, that we will have an interactive approach.

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Cooper City Hall: To get your opinion and your feedback individually and confidentially, but all the results will be shown up here at the end of the presentation.

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Cooper City Hall: To talk a little bit about

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Cooper City Hall: the history of this project. This project has been really going on, for the better part of a decade, as...

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Cooper City Hall: something that started as a result of the amount of traffic accidents that we had at that intersection. And some of those accidents were fairly serious accidents.

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Cooper City Hall: the,

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Cooper City Hall: the city, in 2016, basically hired a consultant to... to do a traffic study and, come to some of the, conclusions and recommendations that you'll see later on. At the... at the very onset, the,

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Cooper City Hall: The city received support for the Roundabout project from both Rock Creek and from the Embassy Lakes HOAs.

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Cooper City Hall: And we've been working on, you know, moving this project forward, but it really is taking a long time to get to where we are today.

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Cooper City Hall: I'm starting with one?

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Cooper City Hall: We normally don't do that on, on, on, on workshops, but

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah, I'd be happy to. You want to lead us, please?

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Cooper City Hall: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, and liberal and justice.

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Cooper City Hall: Sure.

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Cooper City Hall: Dang, you're welcome.

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Cooper City Hall: Sweet.

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Cooper City Hall: So the principal stakeholders are really all of the residents of Cooper City. This project is going to have... this project is going to affect everybody in Cooper City.

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Cooper City Hall: Some people will be affected more than others, because if you live on Rock Creek or Embassy Lakes, you're going to be, you know, much more impacted by the result of the project.

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Cooper City Hall: Here is some crash data that, our police basically has gathered.

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Cooper City Hall: the... portal... interstation crashes in, in Cooper City for the

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Cooper City Hall: By the 10-year period is, 4,900, and we have about

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Cooper City Hall: 340 intersections, which gives you an average of about 14 crashes per intersection for the entire period.

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Cooper City Hall: This intersection per se, it has more than double the average number of crashes per intersection, so it is a more dangerous intersection than your normal intersection. Several of those crashes have injuries. Fortunately, no fatalities have happened during this period that we're looking at.

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Cooper City Hall: So...

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Cooper City Hall: I want to get Diana and Akeen to talk about all of the different alternatives that have been evaluated on this intersection, because it's important that we recognize that we're not here simply choosing an option.

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Cooper City Hall: Without having looked at all of the possibilities that could have done... be done at the intersection, so...

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Cooper City Hall: I... I don't know which one.

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Cooper City Hall: Thank you so much, Manager. My name is Arkuno Zaid, and I'm the Utilities Director and City Engineer.

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Cooper City Hall: Before I get into, all the, traffic calming devices, I would like to mention to you is that when we have the history, 85 percentile shows that

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Cooper City Hall: We have a speeding problem on this area, 7 to 10 miles. So, 85 percentile, as you may know, that accepted by 1964, that is the one that looked at the 85% of the drivers.

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Cooper City Hall: And what happened is that 15%, they think that they are not responsible drivers. That's what engineering look at it. So, 85 percentile shows that 7 to 10 miles

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Cooper City Hall: over a split limit, which is 40 miles an hour. So, what are the options that we have? For example, some of you may think that traffic signal would be a great idea. We try that, and there are two warrants that it failed.

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Cooper City Hall: The warrant 1A and 1B, 8-hour vehicle warrant, so you have to have certain vehicle volume at this area. And the second one is crush and frequency, how many crashes and how frequent it is.

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Cooper City Hall: And also, some of you asked for about a 4-way stop sign. So, in order to have a 4-way stop sign, I have in my notes, major street approaches 300 units per hour.

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Cooper City Hall: And then Minor Street approaches 200 units per hour. What it means is that 8 hours, you have to have 1,600 bicycles, vehicles, and pedestrians on that street.

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Cooper City Hall: So it is... it is very hard to get. That's why in Broward County, to be honest with you, I have seen four-way stop signs once in my lifetime, so I didn't see anything... any four-way stop signs, so it wasn't the way that it is. So, speed humps are not allowed...

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Cooper City Hall: Sorry.

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah, I'm gonna go back. For the speed limit, we're working for the Broward County, and we have to have a traffic study in order to have the speed limit lowered, so we're still working with the Broward County for that.

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah, so when it comes to speed hump, it's not allowed because

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Cooper City Hall: What happened is that it's limit...

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Cooper City Hall: over the 30 miles per hour, so we have 40 miles per hour, and it's an access road, because that road's basically accessed from Sheridan Street to Sterling, and that is the one that... it's an access road that we cannot have it, and the only option that we have...

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Cooper City Hall: is the traffic circle. That's why we're exploring that option. So, Diana, you want to get into the details?

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Cooper City Hall: So, on the... On the speed limit,

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Cooper City Hall: We basically have gone through the process of reviewing the...

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Cooper City Hall: Regulatory power is that the city has versus what the county has.

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Cooper City Hall: The county has agreed, after much debate, and thanks to the good effort of our city attorney, that the city really is... has the final say on controlling the speed limit. So that's... that's good news.

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Cooper City Hall: We still are subject to...

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Cooper City Hall: you know, doing our own separate analysis, but the reality is that the speed limit would only have an impact on the people that tend to follow speed limits.

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Cooper City Hall: People driving the road based on the, road design and the... what the road allows for.

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Cooper City Hall: And the reality of that having a police officer at that intersection, you know, 724 is fiscally impossible, and it's not something that could be done. So, it will have an impact on some drivers.

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Cooper City Hall: But the majority of drivers are not going to change behavior, simply because the speed limit is 5 miles less. So we're still trying to do that, but, you know, but we don't see that as something that is going to have a dramatic impact on the speeds on the road.

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Cooper City Hall: So, go ahead, Woody.

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Cooper City Hall: Good evening, everybody. I'm Diana White with the Corridino Group. I'm the traffic engineer for the city, and also part of the design team for the roundabout.

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Cooper City Hall: I kind of want to walk you through the two alternatives that we have developed. Alternative A, you guys are probably familiar with some of the features. You have a larger circle in the middle. You have an exclusive northern right turn lane to access Embassy Lakes.

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Cooper City Hall: There is a right-of-way requirement of about 9,500 square feet that's needed from Embassy Lakes, and the estimated cost of construction is about \$2.4 million, so that includes your right-of-way acquisition, plus lighting and...

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Cooper City Hall: Landscape and all items.

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Cooper City Hall: 2.4.

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Cooper City Hall: I thought that would be.

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Cooper City Hall: Customer.

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Cooper City Hall: Alternative B, this is something that was recently created in an effort to continue the project. We try to minimize the diameter of the inner circle, but still be in conformance with all the regulations that we need to follow.

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Cooper City Hall: So, we still have that northbound right turn lane for the queuing, the entrance at the Embassy Lakes.

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Cooper City Hall: We have a slower circle. The only problem that we see with a smaller circle is that we may not have the same effective reduction on travel speeds.

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Cooper City Hall: And larger vehicles may have a problem trying to maneuver to reduce to that 25 mile per hour that's needed around the circle.

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Cooper City Hall: The approximate acquisition, it's, 4,377 square feet. That's from Embassy Lakes, and the estimated cost of construction, recruiting right-of-way acquisition is 1.9. So it is a difference of, \$500,000 between the larger circle to the mother circle.

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Cooper City Hall: No, no, no.

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Cooper City Hall: So, in terms of how we're paying for this project, there was an original earmark that came from the state a few years back, and the city got appropriated,

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Cooper City Hall: in the neighborhood of, \$370,000 from the state to assist with the funding on this project, it included a local match of \$150,000, so brand numbers \$500,000 that was available for this project. As we move forward with the project and realized that

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Cooper City Hall: the order magnitude of the, of the cost estimates that we had, we were able to approach the county recently,

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Cooper City Hall: No.

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Cooper City Hall: I'm sorry about that.

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Cooper City Hall: And through this county surtax program, we were able to secure another million dollars of county funding for the project, which, with a match from the city of about \$100,000, it will basically put the project funding into the neighborhood of \$1.6 million.

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Cooper City Hall: We do have money available. Part of the project, you know, budget that we have is the landscaping and beautification of the circle. We do have money set aside for citywide beautification, so some of that.

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Cooper City Hall: costs will come out of the citywide beautification to make sure that that circle is just not a piece of concrete. We want to make it pretty, we want to make it, you know, look good.

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Cooper City Hall: So, depending on what option the City Commission chooses, we could be as close as a couple hundred thousand dollars

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Cooper City Hall: from the budget target, or \$700,000 from the budget target. So that is kind of where we are financially, but our grant staff has done a really good job in bringing money in available for the

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Cooper City Hall: For the project.

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah, we're just getting right now to the point where we can ask questions, so this is really the end of the presentation. We'll now be happy to take questions from the audience.

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Cooper City Hall: And you want to be the first one? Absolutely.

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Cooper City Hall: Right.

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Cooper City Hall: about all your grass that you have. Since this involves a lot of planning, You are using, estate.

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Cooper City Hall: you are using... I don't know, you mentioned that you got \$1 million. I would like to know from where. County surtax money. How do you get the money? We applied for it. Thank you. We applied for a grant, that was a competitive grant, and they felt that this project was worth investing money for.

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Cooper City Hall: Oh, I have another question, if I may.

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Cooper City Hall: Oh, you presented this, and also you, I guess, have a contract with somebody else, and I am wondering, do you have other bikes? I don't have a contract with anybody else, I work for the city. Okay, but do you have buys there for them to tell you more or less how much is going to be involved in this project?

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Cooper City Hall: We have bids? No, we have not had bids. We have what's called engineering estimates, so the engineers have a process to identify all of the components that are going to go into a project.

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Cooper City Hall: and they use experience based on bids to come up with those estimates. But the project hasn't been put out for bid yet. The project, right now.

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Cooper City Hall: is at a critical point where we need to decide that we're going to go into the full design. It's about 60% design, so it's not 100%, and it hasn't gone out for bid yet. The Commission, at a meeting probably in October.

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Cooper City Hall: He's going to be making the final decision as to whether we go with the project.

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Cooper City Hall: at all, and if we go with the project, we go with option A, or we go with option B. That has not been decided yet. So, regarding to what you just said, we, the people, have time to get involved in this project?

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Cooper City Hall: with approving or disapproving? You... there's going to be a poll tonight, saying if you... if you would like the project, you can both

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Cooper City Hall: For each of the alternatives, and if you prefer to reach out to each of the commissioners independently, you... that's your option as well.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, next one.

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Cooper City Hall: You got it, Mark.

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Cooper City Hall: A couple of questions. Sure, a couple of questions. The first one, I'm assuming then that the project has not been approved yet, correct? The project has been approved by the Commission to start the design and to apply for the grant funding. The final approval of the project saying go has not happened yet.

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Cooper City Hall: So, it's another way to say it's been approved, but it's just doing paperwork? It is, it's been approved up to where we are today.

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Cooper City Hall: So we have 60% design, and that has been approved by the Commission. Because it's been approved, I don't understand the reason why we're having this meeting. But anyhow, let me, let me... quick question. The reason why we're having this meeting is because

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Cooper City Hall: This project has been around for a decade.

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Cooper City Hall: people have changed their mind, people's attitudes have changed. So, when you take so long to do a project, sometimes there is different community perspectives on the project. So.

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Cooper City Hall: Before we begin construction, we feel it's healthy to have these discussions, and you'll have people in favor, people against it, but we want to hear from everybody.

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Cooper City Hall: Sure.

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Cooper City Hall: Wow.

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Cooper City Hall: Terrible.

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Cooper City Hall: Boom.

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Cooper City Hall: perspective was the speed limit, whether it was lowering or anything. So, are you saying that speed limit is not a deterrent? Why bother having a speed limit anywhere, anywhere, in any street, if that's the case? Because in my mind.

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Cooper City Hall: the deterrent to a speed limit, obeying that is to have somebody finding those people that exceed the speed limit to avoid accidents or going over the speed limit. So, if that's not useful, then why bother? Because there are people that will obey speed limits.

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Cooper City Hall: And you know that this is true, and you and I, you and I would... but there are people that do not, right? And the, and...

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Cooper City Hall: The... Correct. And... what? Lower the speed limit. It is less expensive, but not... But...

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, no. And the... but the... I don't want the expectation that the police officer is going to be there, you know, all the time to enforce the speed limit. We all know that the... the technology is up there today,

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Cooper City Hall: that you know exactly where the police officers are, right? We all know that.

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Cooper City Hall: Huh?

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Cooper City Hall: We cannot issue tickets for Camera.

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Cooper City Hall: At some point, if you pass it. No, it is. State law doesn't allow tickets to be issued through cameras if you...

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Cooper City Hall: I'm... Want to get more into that discussion, the police captain is here to do that.

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Cooper City Hall: Go ahead. Okay, sure.

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Cooper City Hall: that you had 37 accidents in that intersection over a 10-year period, right? Right. Okay, that's roughly 3 a year. So you want to spend \$2.5 million

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Cooper City Hall: to mediate 3 accidents here, when you can actually... and the police chief is right here, I see her, bye. When you could, on occasion, because I have lived in this city for 30 years, and I have only one time.

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Cooper City Hall: One time.

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Cooper City Hall: ever seen a police officer give a ticket, a \$268 ticket will slow people down. I don't care what anybody thinks, they will think about it in the future. So, not one time... they don't have to be there 24-7, and you're talking about a construction that would take how many months to complete?

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Cooper City Hall: If it was... 6 months. So you're gonna close our gate for 6 months, okay? Rock Creek has 1,500 homes. We have 1,300. We have 3 points of egress.

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Cooper City Hall: They have 6. Why don't you just close that entrance coming out of Rock Creek and slow the traffic down? I don't know that people in Rock Creek would agree with that, but let's go.

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Cooper City Hall: What would happen during school days? What would happen during school days when Sheraton is so backed up, you can't even get out of that gate? So you would have one gate...

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Cooper City Hall: During morning rush hour. Essentially, we're trying to mitigate that during construction. You do off-peak times, night time, and weekends as well. I mean, 6 months is 6 months, I don't care how you put it. We had to close the gate for...

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Cooper City Hall: Jeff, how long did we close the gate to build it?

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Cooper City Hall: It was a nightmare, okay? So if you're gonna come down to one gate for 1,320 homes.

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Cooper City Hall: Good luck with that.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay.

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah, go ahead.

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah, I agree, yeah.

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Cooper City Hall: My name is Rick Donski, I live in Embassy Lakes. A few questions... oh, sorry, a few questions. Which intersections were included in that? You said there are 14 intersections in Cooper City? What are you counting? Was that the number?

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Cooper City Hall: No, no, the total intersections in Cooper City.

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Cooper City Hall: In those first pictures where you did the division... Yeah. What do you consider an intersection?

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Cooper City Hall: Section 12.

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Cooper City Hall: Corporate City. 340. Yeah. Off of what streets? Like, every street? Going... Up and down 90th? Okay.

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah, yeah.

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Cooper City Hall: Total intersection... total intersect... total intersection crashes are 4,905.

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Cooper City Hall: So if we divide it by 340, it becomes 14. Okay, but what I'm asking is... We have 37, so it is... What I'm asking is where... I don't know the street numbers, where 54th Street meets some other street, kind of a back road, that... you're calling that an intersection as well?

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Cooper City Hall: We created the map that we can share it with you. We look at every single street, and then create the intersections, but roughly 3.40, you put it to 3PM. But some are... what I'm saying is some are back in rural areas where there's no traffic.

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Cooper City Hall: This is more... not a major intersection, it's not University and Sterling or something, you know, Sheridan. This is Newbridge in general, it's not... I know, but... how many more... how many intersections have 10 times the number of incidents?

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Cooper City Hall: You might want to mention that. I didn't look into this, I'm not trying to be confrontational, it just doesn't seem like when you're counting all those intersections. That was one question, I'll let you look into that and respond. The other thing is, you said it's a speeding problem.

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Cooper City Hall: as the person before me said, I think a speed... and you just kind of poo-pooed the idea of reducing the speed limit.

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Cooper City Hall: If you... No, no, I did not. You said it doesn't work, lower speed limits don't work.

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Cooper City Hall: We, we, listen, we're going to reduce the speed limit, that's our goal. Now, History has proven that

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Cooper City Hall: unless you change the design configuration of the road, changing the speed limit per se is not that significant of a drive. I have some other suggestions. Let's make it interesting, and make... let's say we want to lower the speed limit and make that work, because I don't know if I'm speaking for everybody in the room, but everybody that I've spoken to is against the roundabout.

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Cooper City Hall: And not for the money, it's not about the money, and it's not about the short-term inconvenience of closing the gate, it's the effectiveness and the traffic congestions that it's gonna cause.

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Cooper City Hall: You know, that are unanticipated or undesirable.

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Cooper City Hall: That are not part of the desired outcome. How about some speeding signs along the road that said, this roadway paid for by your speed... by your speeding tickets?

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Cooper City Hall: Or, I have some examples. Slow down, speed limit, blah blah blah. Your speed on an electric sign, one of those electronic signs showing.

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Cooper City Hall: Telling what the fines are, See, it's just... there's kids in the area?

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Cooper City Hall: Cars turning out from, you know, you've seen signs that say, trucks turning out, or, you know, beat caution, things like that. Have them up and down. I'd much rather have unsightly signs

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Cooper City Hall: for the half a mile posted every few, you know, every few hundred feet, or every 50 feet, then have a roundabout that's gonna cause all kinds of problems there. I think we need to go with the speed limit solution, and not say it's not gonna work so we need another solution, but instead say, let's make it work.

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Cooper City Hall: Right? I'm done. Go ahead.

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Cooper City Hall: David Sterin, I'm a resident of Embassy for the last almost 8 years. I use that gate, the hiatus gate, probably about 10 times a day or more, in and out.

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Cooper City Hall: I would argue the notion that the accidents there are caused by speed. That is a complicated traffic pattern in which you have problems of visibility.

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Cooper City Hall: You have two cars going parallel, trying to get into... each one into a different direction in hiatus, and you have sometimes two cars coming out, plus the traffic from hiatus.

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Cooper City Hall: So there is distraction, and there is visibility problems. You are going to get obstructed vision. We have the pleasures of the school bus in the morning taking the turn lane into embassy, and even making shorter that distance.

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Cooper City Hall: So, there is a problem of how the mechanics of that intersection work. Now, having said that, I don't know if you have the stats, but the whole corridor is problematic. I think that we have much more accidents in Stillington hiatus and Sheridan hiatus, and we have traffic lights there.

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Cooper City Hall: Both of them. Both of them are... we have a lot of accidents, okay? And arguably, you know, traffic lights should be an effective means to prevent, you know... So, I don't care... I don't... I'm not a proponent of a roundabout in particular, but we do need...

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Cooper City Hall: A means to make that intersection safer.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay? Call it a roundabout, call it whatever you want. Lower the speed limit, but put bumps. That... lowering the speed limit will enable you to use speed calming devices, right?

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Cooper City Hall: Is that what you said? No, the speed bumps, we do not qualify, because that road is, I think this is a collector road, right?

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah, it's a collector, and it also has well over the volume of vehicles for a speedhound.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, and what could happen, instead of having a roundabout in between Embassy and Rock Creek, you have two traffic circles, smaller, in the segment in between.

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Cooper City Hall: Sheridan and the intersection that we're talking about, and then midway on the other side. Not by the school, just in the middle, so you can cut that segment and not allow the cars to speed as much. So do a traffic circle, a little bit, you know. So the entire corridor of Hayette's Road was steady?

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Cooper City Hall: from Sierra Leone to Griffin, and the...

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Cooper City Hall: I don't want to call it the best, but one of the options that we looked into before we, came up with the brand about what's that intersection to reduce the speeds around the whole corridor.

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Cooper City Hall: And yes, it does happen that that intersection, per se, has a lot of visibility issues when you're coming out because of the... you have two lanes coming out from these minor streets.

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Cooper City Hall: So you're unable to see oncoming traffic from one side if you have a larger vehicle, per se, like you mentioned, a school bus. So the roundabout, what it would do, it

would mitigate that visibility constraints that you have today. And when you're doing a roundabout, you're using some of the right-of-way of the east-west

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Cooper City Hall: roads.

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Cooper City Hall: to be part of the roundabout. If you put the roundabout in the middle of...

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Cooper City Hall: between intersections, you have to get a lot more right-of-way that is not really yours, because you don't have the ability to grab the adjacent right-of-ways. Okay, and there are several residents of embassy that are concerned about the issue of backup of traffic, because this is going to shorten our

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Cooper City Hall: Space from the roundabout to the gate.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, and we do have times where those gates are very, very busy.

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Cooper City Hall: So, if we have a backup, it's going to be very inconvenient and dangerous. And the other one is what is going to happen when it comes to pedestrians. Okay, we do have a ton of kids in both Rock Creek and Embassy Lakes, and they go across neighborhoods.

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Cooper City Hall: And we need to make sure that also the roundabout will provide a safety means, an effective safety means for that. And that's my last one.

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Cooper City Hall: Fill the crosswalk through.

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Cooper City Hall: Hold on, let us finish with him. Okay, so she's going to address the, the issue of the flow of the cars through the roundabout, and then the issue of the crosswalk.

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Cooper City Hall: One of the concerns was the stacking. We did... we completed a traffic study regarding the stacking. We did one during the PM peak, and we did one on the weekend, because the one that creates that queue in is actually the main gate.

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Cooper City Hall: Because it could take 2-3 minutes, and we need to study how long it would take to process each vehicle. Some vehicles was 50 seconds, some other ones... the longest time was 3 minutes and 40 seconds, almost 4 minutes. So we completed that study, and that's how that exclusive right turn lane, it's dedicated just for that.

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Cooper City Hall: Just to mitigate some of the queuing that you're talking about. Regarding the kids, today, there's no crosswalks coming east-west.

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Cooper City Hall: The roundabout will provide crosswalks at all four corners, so you'll be able to cross from one side to the other side, and reducing the speed while everybody's crossing, because that's what the roundabout does. It will reduce the speed, you need to be able to lower the speed limit to 25 miles per hour around the circle.

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Cooper City Hall: And you'll be able to have full visibility of all four approaches.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, hold up, hold up, okay.

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Cooper City Hall: 1, 2, 3, 4, then we'll keep going, okay?

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, go ahead.

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Cooper City Hall: You're in.

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Cooper City Hall: Could I please get clarification on that crash study? Could you pull that crash study back up, please?

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Cooper City Hall: The slide?

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Cooper City Hall: So, 37 per intersection over that period of time, correct?

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Cooper City Hall: The far right column is 37 crashes per intersection over the study period? Oh, that intersection. That intersection. Have you compared it to other intersections?

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Cooper City Hall: The only data that we have is total intersection crashes. But don't you think it made sense to compare it to other intersections to see if we are in alignment or out of alignment? That's question one. Question two.

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Cooper City Hall: Did I hear you say that the city has the right to lower the speed limit?

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Cooper City Hall: Yes, subject to a study that we need to complete. Okay, so we can control the speed.

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Cooper City Hall: Item 3, what makes you think if people won't observe the speed limit, that they're going to observe the speed limit around the roundabout?

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Cooper City Hall: If people can't follow suit rules... Because if they uncertain speed over the roundabout, they're going to end up in the middle of the roundabout. Oh, so then you'll have more accidents than we had previously? No, no, people with lower... Okay, and my last item is, so what we need to understand here is there's no alternatives here. So talking about what we could do if we didn't do this.

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Cooper City Hall: is not on the table right now. What's on the table right now is Alternative A, Alternative B, or no roundabout. Is that correct?

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Cooper City Hall: With respect to a runabout, we are doing the speed limit change regardless.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, but my question is, there's no other options. Mr. Starin suggested there may be two semicircles, a figure 8, or whatever, but the only thing that you are offering to the residents of the city at this point in time is option A, option B, or no roundabout.

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Cooper City Hall: with respect to physical infrastructure changes, that's correct. Okay, so with no other alternatives are available to us other than these three? They have been... they have been evaluated, and these are the alternatives that we have on the table. Okay, thank you.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, go ahead, I'm sorry that somebody jump in ahead of... Oh, that's fine. So, I live in Embassilius as well, and...

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Cooper City Hall: I like your slide, but I would like it more if I saw, like, a weighted average based on the amount of traffic per intersection versus just how many intersections we have as a whole, what you categorize as an intersection, and the level of severity of the accidents that occur at these intersections. That's the first thing. Sure. Police will follow up on that, and we'll provide that information to the community. So, the other part to that is.

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Cooper City Hall: as a Numbus Lakes resident, the impact on us is going to be massive, as another person just mentioned, that you're taking away one of our main points of entry, especially with the school that takes away another point of entry in the morning time. It's just, you can't go over there unless you're taking your kid to school. It's just a no-fly zone.

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Cooper City Hall: So, the impact it feels like, from what you guys are describing, tell me if I'm wrong, but...

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Cooper City Hall: We, as Embassy Lakes residents, are the ones who are going to bear the burden of this being built. You are going to take land that is part of our HOA. You are going to pay us for it, whatever fair market value is.

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Cooper City Hall: However, you're going to shorten the length of our guest line, which gets quite long. And when that guest line gets long enough, when you have residents as well that are mixed in that, your small queue for the turn is going to be backed up to the point where hiatus will stop.

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Cooper City Hall: On busy periods. Any holiday, any, you know, religious day of the year, things like that will back up into hiatus, and you're gonna have a stopped street on hiatus, on a main thoroughfare that, as you said, this is, whatever category it is.

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Cooper City Hall: But you keep saying that we need to do a roundabout or nothing. We've had nothing for over 30 years. Yes, we've had accidents, but everywhere has accidents. I am sympathetic to those who get in accidents, but people need to be responsible drivers. That's just the nature of being a driver.

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Cooper City Hall: No, no, no. Yeah, nobody would argue with that, yeah.

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Cooper City Hall: as a resident, I'm gonna speak for myself, not anybody else, I firmly disagree with this, because yes, we have grant money, yes, it sounds wonderful, but when you really lift up the hood and look at it, it really doesn't impact the city. It negatively affects Embassy Lakes, which is a place that we are very proud of.

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Cooper City Hall: And as a resident of Cooper City, I do not want a place that everybody has sought after to be a part of, to live at an Embassy Lakes, to be a member of that community, to be burdened with this for the city's problem, based on planning and the growth of the city.

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Cooper City Hall: I would like to put it back to you guys to figure out another solution that helps

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Cooper City Hall: Us be a great community as well without having to take from us to make the city better.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, good. Thank you.

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Cooper City Hall: Wait, wait, wait, wait, wait, excuse me. There is an order, you already spoken, there's a lot of people that want to see, so let's have a courtesy to all of you. Yeah, no, I think you...

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Cooper City Hall: behind you for it, and then... and then you, and then him, yeah. And then, I think more people can raise their hand.

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Cooper City Hall: Hi, I'm Fran Bopin. I've lived in my house that backs up to Hiatus Road for 36 years. I'm the original owner.

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Cooper City Hall: I was also in the talking stage 10 years back with the people that wanted to implement this, and the main reason was the school times.

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Cooper City Hall: taking them to school, coming back, and the rush hour times when people are coming and going. And that's really the bulk of when you have an issue at that intersection. Because I come in and out during the day.

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Cooper City Hall: And there's no problem.

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Cooper City Hall: But, I will tell you, we do need to do something about the speeding, and I'm not so sure that the signs will lie, because like I said, I live on... my backyard is the wall of hiatus, and I have hurricane windows.

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Cooper City Hall: And I hear speeding up and down like it's a Grand Prix raceway. I've actually called the police numerous times. It used to be only late at night, now it's starting 8, 8.30.

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Cooper City Hall: up and back, up and back, like, I don't know what's going on there, but these are not cars that are going 40 miles an hour, and there's a lot.

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Cooper City Hall: And what we're not taking into account on people going out for school drop-offs or work or whatever, are the near misses, which I've seen plenty of. So it's not just accidents, there's

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Cooper City Hall: A lot of near misses with... could have been catastrophic.

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Cooper City Hall: results. So those are other things that we need to, you know, take into ideas too, and I understand what you're saying about

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Cooper City Hall: you were taking away main entrance, that's what I always go in, because I live right there, and I'm not so sure, so it looks like you're going to be taking, like, quite a large part of Embassy Lakes to make this, which I agree with. We shouldn't be... Diana, will you show them in the map as we will see.

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Cooper City Hall: the areas that we're... Can I just ask one thing? Has it ever been considered, or thought about, because I've lived here 36 years, I've never heard of it, to make that a four-lane road like it is on the other side?

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Cooper City Hall: A knob Hill, Palm Avenue?

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00:47:11.440 --> 00:47:20.780

Cooper City Hall: I... Has that ever been brought up at all? I don't believe that that has been brought up. You mean widened Hyatt Road from two lanes to four lanes? Yes.

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Cooper City Hall: Has that ever been... I'm just asking, out of curiosity, if that's ever been brought up. It will probably just make the speed higher.

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah, because you're incapacity to the road, so you will not... Okay, now I'm just curious if it's ever been brought up as another... And then you have a larger concern with getting out from the minor streets with your visibility.

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00:47:38.730 --> 00:47:57.719

Cooper City Hall: So, getting where my son lives, they have one of these roundabouts, so the other issue that I would want to have, because he lives in Coral Gables, investigated, is how many accidents come from the people that don't yield like you're supposed to when you go around these roundabouts, because we've seen it plenty when we go down there. So, don't think it's like a panacea, because

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah, they're supposed to go 25, but he's also supposed to yield to the person coming this way, and plenty of them don't do it. So I'm just saying... So what the roundabout does is reduces the conflict points from 32 to 8.

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Cooper City Hall: So instead of looking to the left, to the front, and to your right, you're going to be looking just to your left. I understand what I'm supposed to do, I'm just telling you that a lot of people do not do that, so don't think it's an all-out

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00:48:19.080 --> 00:48:24.919

Cooper City Hall: And as far as the right-of-way, the blue area on this one on Saturday Bay, that's the area that

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00:48:25.770 --> 00:48:29.539

Cooper City Hall: For the larger circle. Right.

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00:48:30.410 --> 00:48:37.130

Cooper City Hall: Okay, so you're taking away, like, most of the land right behind my wall? And then alternative B...

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah, if it flips over, it's gonna be over my wall. It'll be in my backyard. Yeah. Yeah. All the time. Thank you. You're next.

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00:48:49.960 --> 00:48:51.019

Cooper City Hall: Thank you.

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00:48:51.850 --> 00:49:07.590

Cooper City Hall: Hi, I've lived in Rock Creek for 32 years. I've never seen one accident on hiatus in Northeast Lake. I've seen a few on Sterling and hiatus, and I've seen many more coming out of Publix onto Sterling.

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Cooper City Hall: That... that area actually needs a lot more help than coming out of Northeast Lake, and I don't think a roundabout is the solution. I think you make a very valid point. When people see the sign yield... I was in a roundabout today. I go... when I go to Cleveland Clinic, I think it's up shotgun onto 36th Street into Weston.

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00:49:29.580 --> 00:49:52.779

Cooper City Hall: people interpret that yield sign as, yeah, let me move my big fat car right in front of yours, so you have to stop short in the circle, and that's... that's what yield means. And if you've ever driven in Boston through a million roundabouts, it's the most frustrating city to drive in, and they don't even know where they're going, because they say.

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00:49:52.780 --> 00:49:59.500

Cooper City Hall: Oh, the cows, just follow the cow pasture, because that's how the city was designed.

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Cooper City Hall: The... the other thing that's disturbing is if...

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Cooper City Hall: The accidents that are caused, are those, like, people making a left turn, having to make a left turn, or it's just people making a right turn and...

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Cooper City Hall: Causing an accident, because if it's...

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00:50:17.890 --> 00:50:24.210

Cooper City Hall: If it's a left turn, go out where there is a light. There's a light on Sterling, and there's a light on

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00:50:24.210 --> 00:50:36.940

Cooper City Hall: Southeast Lake, there's a light on Sheridan. I know I used to make a left turn onto Sterling. I no longer do. I drive all the way to Flamingo, and I make my turn that way, so...

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00:50:36.940 --> 00:50:45.630

Cooper City Hall: And my mother, who was very good at making left turns and getting into accidents, I learned from her, four rights equal a left.

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Cooper City Hall: Captain... Captain Tiana? Captain.

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Cooper City Hall: On her question, do you know if the accidents are left turn... Or right turns?

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Cooper City Hall: As a matter of fact, I do.

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00:51:02.520 --> 00:51:09.239

Cooper City Hall: Over the time period, that we spoke of, 9 were left turn related.

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Cooper City Hall: 8 of which had an angle, which were... the cause was...

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00:51:13.850 --> 00:51:31.279

Cooper City Hall: they say angle, I'm not really sure what that means. Again, each one was determined. These are by when the deputy completes a crash report. I apologize, I don't pick how the information, that's a Florida Department of Highway Safety Motor Vehicle, but there are certain things the deputy can click when completing their report, so these facts came from that.

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00:51:34.180 --> 00:51:39.299

Cooper City Hall: Head-on accidents, there was only two. Sideswipes, there was two. Rear ends, two.

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00:51:39.430 --> 00:51:47.470

Cooper City Hall: Right turns, only one. An off-road accident, only one. A bicycle accident, only one. And then I have four others.

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00:51:48.460 --> 00:51:53.209

Cooper City Hall: Left turn was the dominating cause, followed by angle.

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00:51:53.820 --> 00:51:56.209

Cooper City Hall: Yeah, thank you, Carmen. Okay, go ahead.

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Cooper City Hall: We're not, we're here, we're here.

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00:52:01.290 --> 00:52:03.240

Cooper City Hall: We're here. And then you are, Nick.

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00:52:05.510 --> 00:52:19.650

Cooper City Hall: So, my wife is... who just talked to you. So, we've been a resident of Embassy Lakes for 36 years. I question the flawed logic of your assumptions. First of all, I think a...

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00:52:20.570 --> 00:52:30.530

Cooper City Hall: An intersection with 3.7 average accidents per year is not warranted to spend \$2.4 million, from an economic sample.

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Cooper City Hall: Second of all, I've been living... our house abuts on the wall against right at the point of entry to Embassy Lakes.

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Cooper City Hall: As my wife said, we have hurricane windows, so it's very thick glass. We hear, all night long.

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Cooper City Hall: extremely high driving speeds along hiatus roads. Now, I will tell you, I've been living there for 36 years. I have no disrespect for the Cooper City Police Department. I have never in 36 years

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00:53:01.230 --> 00:53:10.069

Cooper City Hall: ever seen an enforcement of speed on Hyatt's Road, except for school zone compliance

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Cooper City Hall: by the Embassy Lit Creek School Zone. That's the only time in 36 years I have ever seen enforcement compliance by the Cooper City Department. I think instead of spending \$2 million and the extremely disruptive 6-month construction project, which I think is absolutely

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Cooper City Hall: crazy to think about that you guys would even entertain that opportunity is to spend the money to have Cooper City Police spend

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Cooper City Hall: Every once in a while, a police officer parked a long hiatus road, enforcing speed at off times, okay? Because we don't have speeding, we don't have speeding during rush hour.

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Cooper City Hall: We don't have speeding during rush hour, we don't have speeding during school zones, because the traffic flow simply doesn't allow for speeding. But where you do have speeding is afternoons, evenings.

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Cooper City Hall: And if you want to really try to curtail accidents, simply enforce compliance, okay? That's a better use of public funds.

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Cooper City Hall: And you'll actually get better achievement of results with a lot less work and a lot less disruption to the embassy residents. Yeah, I'm going to get the captain to address that in a second, but...

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Cooper City Hall: Let me ask you, hold on, before we go. How fast do you think these people are going in the evening?

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00:54:40.350 --> 00:55:00.060

Cooper City Hall: Okay, okay. And what's the speed limit? 40. 35. So you think that the speed limit makes a difference to those people? Oh, absolutely. Huh? Well, no. There's nobody, there's nobody to enforce compliance. So, so, so at night, what do you care? If nobody's there to check you, you'll drive 60 miles an hour.

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00:55:00.900 --> 00:55:18.979

Cooper City Hall: Okay. I mean, there's just no compliance, there's no enforcement. And I'm telling you, I've lived there for 36 years, I've never, ever once I could tell you that I've ever seen a police officer trafficking, issuing traffic tickets along hiatus. Yep. Captain, we want to address...

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00:55:19.340 --> 00:55:21.290

Cooper City Hall: Conference. Sorry.

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00:55:21.900 --> 00:55:22.590

Cooper City Hall: Sure.

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00:55:24.340 --> 00:55:32.819

Cooper City Hall: Yeah. Yeah, there has been enforcement on that road. I can always set up more enforcement, if that's what everybody wants. I want you to... hang on, hang on!

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Cooper City Hall: Just, just keep in mind, though, we have deputies spread out.

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Cooper City Hall: priority-based across the entire city, and so, obviously, you may not see them there because there's greater need within the school, the traffic for schools, traffic on, different roadways, so you're not always going to see a deputy right there, but...

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Cooper City Hall: between 8 and midnight to say, somebody's gotta come out here. It's going crazy. Like, I hear them, zoom, zoom, zoom, like, a lot. So I actually called and said, and they said, well, where? I told them exactly where I'm hearing it.

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00:56:11.420 --> 00:56:29.820

Cooper City Hall: whether you came out or not, I don't know, but I called as a resident, because everybody says, if you hear something, see something, call. I do. Absolutely. If you called, we went. So, I am completely confident in the fact that we went out to it. Again, your speeder might have already been long gone by the time we get there. Yep. Speeders see that you're there with some...

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Cooper City Hall: that they won't change their behavior. Absolutely. They're actually not causing any behavioral.

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Cooper City Hall: If you want to change behavior, you have to measure something to change behavior, whether it's corporately, organizationally, or public policy, okay? And you're doing nothing of the above.

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Cooper City Hall: So, if you're not measuring enforcement, or enforcing compliance, you're never going to achieve any results.

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Cooper City Hall: So, rather than spend \$2 million in this crazy project that's extremely disruptive, which none of us as residents want, I would rather see you spend some public funds

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00:57:08.040 --> 00:57:24.860

Cooper City Hall: budget some more police officers to spend time on Hiatus Road. Okay, I'd rather give you the money to do that, because that's really... you're actually achieving public policy, okay? But what you're doing right now is not achieving public policy in compliance with residents' needs.

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00:57:25.080 --> 00:57:41.669

Cooper City Hall: And, you know, and that's unfortunate, but that's really the case. Okay. Mr. Ray, we have several, several individuals have their hands raised on Zoom. I know, I'm going to deal with people that are here first, and then we'll bring everybody from Zoom. This gentleman up here.

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Cooper City Hall: And everybody who's spoken, please, we're going to go through people that haven't spoken first, and then we do it... we can do a second round, but go ahead.

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Cooper City Hall: My name's Al Alvarez, Park City resident.

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Cooper City Hall: Thank you, Mr. Manager.

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Cooper City Hall: Thank you, everybody, for showing up.

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Cooper City Hall: So, just to recap it, for clarity, 2.4 million or \$1.9 million to the taxpayers, correct? Correct. Okay.

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Cooper City Hall: Total timeline, 6 months.

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Cooper City Hall: Yes, construction chair.

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Cooper City Hall: All due respect, it's over 6 months, we're still waiting for a traffic light on 106 in Sterling.

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Cooper City Hall: Called you about it, you know about it. You can't get a traffic light in, one light, in six months, over. But you're gonna do a roundabout? Well, we'll see, but I'm gonna disagree with you on that. Okay.

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00:58:31.690 --> 00:58:40.779

Cooper City Hall: options, speed limit. You say we're still trying, and I know everybody's talking about it, but what concerns me, confuses me, bothers me.

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Cooper City Hall: Why haven't you done it in the... just the two years that we've been talking about it?

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Cooper City Hall: What is the delay? The city, the county, unacceptable, Mr. Manager, I'm sorry. Okay, let me, let me address that. The first source. Let me address that. Let me finish everything, please. Okay. Then you can address that. Sure. So, reduction of speed limit. You say speed humps are not acceptable, but rumble strips are.

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00:59:05.710 --> 00:59:13.120

Cooper City Hall: Reduction of speed, rumble strips before and after that intersection would slow or deter traffic.

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00:59:14.950 --> 00:59:16.120

Cooper City Hall: Nothing can do wrong with it.

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00:59:20.360 --> 00:59:27.219

Cooper City Hall: So we're still working on the speed limit. When I met with engineering at an Embassy Lakes HOA meeting.

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Cooper City Hall: All the engineers that were on that site.

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Cooper City Hall: We're against the roundabout, and they were more in favor of the traffic diversion.

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00:59:36.140 --> 00:59:39.660

Cooper City Hall: Where it spreads and kind of takes shapes.

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Cooper City Hall: What happened to that plan?

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Cooper City Hall: I don't know. Never heard of that plan. Never heard of that plan. No. Engineering's never heard of that plan.

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Cooper City Hall: It's from the HOA meeting. Right. I'll pull them up, and we'll remove everybody from engineering, because there are other options than a roundabout, right?

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, well, I don't think you're being truthful.

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Cooper City Hall: Wait, wait, wait, wait, wait, excuse me, excuse me, I need to stop you, I need to stop you there. Everybody's being truthful. Please don't... please do not respect staff. The...

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01:00:16.870 --> 01:00:28.080

Cooper City Hall: Roundabout was a project that was here when I came here. I've been here 15 months. He's been here less than that. The project was here, was envisioned to be like this.

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Cooper City Hall: We are not... we have basically what we've done is we have moved the project forward, okay? Based on what other recommendations... we don't reinvent the wheel when we come in here. This is a project that had funding.

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Cooper City Hall: at approvals.

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Cooper City Hall: And we just moved it forward. We're having a meeting with you, the Commission, and the residents, and later on with the Commission, because we are at a critical point in the project. But this is not... this is not Alex's project, this is not Akeen's project, you know, so for you to imply that anybody's trying to mislead you is not fair.

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Cooper City Hall: You were not here when that meeting was taken at HOA, but I'm certain that there were additional options that I'm certain of, and I'll do my best to see if we can pull those minutes.

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01:01:16.810 --> 01:01:18.709

Cooper City Hall: Who's going to maintain?

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Cooper City Hall: If this goes through, who is going to be responsible to maintain it?

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Cooper City Hall: And at what level will it be maintained? Because what I'm used to, Broward County's maintenance crew is not what we're accustomed to at Embassy Lakes. Correct. The city will maintain the runway, not Broward County. At their expense. At our expense.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay. For any reason.

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01:01:39.850 --> 01:01:45.860

Cooper City Hall: For whatever reason, we've come to the realization that the roundabouts were a mistake.

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Cooper City Hall: And you guys got it approved, and you did the construction. And if they were a mistake, more accidents, more traffic, Embassy Lakes, you can't get in and out.

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Cooper City Hall: Will you consider putting it back to normal, or what it was, and who would pay for that?

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Cooper City Hall: Well,

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01:02:03.740 --> 01:02:14.930

Cooper City Hall: If it turns out that the roundabout was a mistake, the city can always readdress that, okay? And it will be up to the residents to...

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01:02:15.010 --> 01:02:25.200

Cooper City Hall: covered the cost of putting it back together as quickly. So, it would be at the resident's expense to fix the county, and I'm not saying you personally, you or the city, or the counties.

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01:02:25.350 --> 01:02:34.510

Cooper City Hall: mistake the residents of Cooper City would... Every dollar that we have comes from the residents. Something that residents need to take into consideration. Every dollar that we give is from the residents.

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01:02:39.020 --> 01:02:44.949

Cooper City Hall: That's it for me. Thank you, everybody. Thank you. I just wanted to clarify that the issue with the

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01:02:45.590 --> 01:02:59.039

Cooper City Hall: with the speed limit. For... for years, the city had asked the county to lower the speed on that... on that road. The county's answer was always no, no, no. It was not until, really, we pushed,

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Cooper City Hall: the envelope with them and went back to the original agreement with the county, that we were able to

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Cooper City Hall: forcing to accept the fact that we do have the right to control our own speed limits. That solution... that only happened about, Jacob, about a month ago, or a month and a half ago, that the county agreed that, that we can control our own speed limits.

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01:03:22.070 --> 01:03:27.349

Cooper City Hall: You know, within the past month, so it's not that... you know, we were trying before, and they were being told no.

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Cooper City Hall: we were able to get to the point that now they have agreed that we need to do a study, but we'll be able to determine our own speed limits. So, I just wanted to make sure that the residents understand that it's not that the city wasn't trying. We had to

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01:03:43.350 --> 01:03:51.719

Cooper City Hall: basically find a way to convince them, and, you know, right, I know, I know, I've only been here 15 months, so, okay, okay, next, next set of questions.

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01:03:55.010 --> 01:03:56.069

Cooper City Hall: Oh, good.

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01:03:59.210 --> 01:03:59.890

Cooper City Hall: Okay.

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01:04:05.430 --> 01:04:10.089

Cooper City Hall: No, no way.

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01:04:14.850 --> 01:04:20.560

Cooper City Hall: Good order.

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01:04:28.750 --> 01:04:38.040

Cooper City Hall: Prepared, plan, prepared meetings, what I learned about... a swim... distinct block of textiles.

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01:04:38.560 --> 01:04:41.530

Cooper City Hall: I haven't reading anything!

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Cooper City Hall: You, mute.

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01:04:56.060 --> 01:05:09.300

Cooper City Hall: Okay, yeah, okay. And you have the right to be concerned, and this... that's why we're having this meeting, because it is... it's going to impact a lot of people. But...

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01:05:09.620 --> 01:05:20.150

Cooper City Hall: This project has been discussed for many, many, many years. Okay, the only... I know. You're welcome.

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01:05:20.450 --> 01:05:21.280

Cooper City Hall: Okay.

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01:05:21.510 --> 01:05:22.889

Cooper City Hall: Okay, dope.

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01:05:23.950 --> 01:05:28.649

Cooper City Hall: Okay, okay, let me get the next round of people that I want to speak. You've got one...

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01:05:29.000 --> 01:05:30.329

Cooper City Hall: You've got two.

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01:05:30.840 --> 01:05:37.750

Cooper City Hall: The gentleman standing up, 3, you raise... I'm asking people that don't raise four kids, please. Four... okay.

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01:05:37.910 --> 01:05:51.120

Cooper City Hall: 4, 5, 6, 7, and then we'll go to the, to the people on the, that are on the, Zooms. Right, thank you. Okay, go ahead. Hi, I have kind of, like, a two-part... two-part question.

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01:05:51.390 --> 01:06:02.489

Cooper City Hall: or statement. Basically, we had, from what you put up on the screen, option 1, the big roundabout, option 2, the smaller one, and then option three is nothing.

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01:06:02.830 --> 01:06:17.350

Cooper City Hall: My... Nothing in terms of any construction? No, no... Yeah, we're still gonna do speed limit, right. Yes, yes, no roundabout structure. So, yes, the big structure, the little structure, or no structure, basically. It seems as though option...

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01:06:17.350 --> 01:06:36.589

Cooper City Hall: I'm not a fan of the roundabout period, but it seems as though option B is a hazard, because you mentioned something about other, bigger vehicles or whatnot are not going to be able to maneuver this, that, and the other one. I drive one of those bigger vehicles. I am also a parent with two kids in school as well. It is hairy and whatnot in the mornings.

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01:06:37.930 --> 01:06:43.090

Cooper City Hall: I'm not sure why option B's up there. I don't like option A, either.

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01:06:43.560 --> 01:06:54.809

Cooper City Hall: But what I do like is what you just said a month ago, that we can lower the speed limit. I suggest, let's table this whole roundabout, let's get the speed limit lowered.

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01:06:55.160 --> 01:06:57.070

Cooper City Hall: And let's see what happens.

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01:06:59.020 --> 01:07:01.790

Cooper City Hall: Right? That's clear. Okay.

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01:07:02.240 --> 01:07:13.240

Cooper City Hall: Listen, I don't think... Thank you. I think this works, or I guess it does. Thank you, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. Listen, the commissioners are... and the mayor are here, they're listening to you.

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01:07:13.240 --> 01:07:32.510

Cooper City Hall: The other ones are going to get the feedback from this, they will be making the final decisions, but your input is very important, and that's what we're here for. Who was number two? Yeah. Hi. My name is Dean Lashbrook, I'm the president of Embassy Lakes, and I really appreciate you guys, being up there and answering our questions tonight. Thank you very much.

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01:07:32.660 --> 01:07:36.170

Cooper City Hall: And,

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Cooper City Hall: basically, I'm against it for all the reasons we're hearing tonight. I'm overwhelmed at the community support, for... for, you know, being against this thing tonight, and, we're not for the roundabout at Embassy Lakes.

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01:07:53.860 --> 01:07:58.999

Cooper City Hall: Like... I'd like to... Okay, good. Thank you, thank you.

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01:07:59.110 --> 01:08:01.120

Cooper City Hall: Wait, you gotta hold the button? Yeah.

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01:08:01.420 --> 01:08:02.100

Cooper City Hall: Yeah.

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01:08:03.130 --> 01:08:03.810

Cooper City Hall: Beautiful.

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Cooper City Hall: Right. She's pretty good.

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01:08:10.250 --> 01:08:10.970

Cooper City Hall: Fair.

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01:08:12.480 --> 01:08:14.360

Cooper City Hall: It's better that way.

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01:08:14.500 --> 01:08:27.990

Cooper City Hall: Let it go? Yeah, now you go. Right, so I work at Embassy Lakes, I live in Rock Creek. A few other items, everyone that's bringing up all these issues are absolutely correct. There's a few issues that, from a logistics standpoint, from Embassy Lakes.

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01:08:27.990 --> 01:08:38.690

Cooper City Hall: that isn't taken into consideration, that'll be a huge financial burden. One will be that the roundabout, if everyone noticed how it was painted, and it skewed all the way towards Embassy Lakes.

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01:08:38.870 --> 01:08:50.530

Cooper City Hall: it's going to encroach on the landscaping, which is about \$200,000 worth of Canary Island day palms, Majewels, royal palms that are all gonna have to be removed.

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01:08:50.540 --> 01:09:06.510

Cooper City Hall: And underneath, it's going right over our main line, which we have a one-trunk loop pressurized system to where there's going to be a major problem to when you build the pavers around that for us to access it for any repairs, so forth and so on.

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01:09:06.540 --> 01:09:09.140

Cooper City Hall: Also, something... Still there?

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01:09:09.910 --> 01:09:17.819

Cooper City Hall: Well, that's... yeah. I was also going at the fact that we have, over the years, encouraged residents of Embassy Lakes

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01:09:18.189 --> 01:09:22.859

Cooper City Hall: Not to have any commercial vehicles, especially 18-wheelers.

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01:09:23.100 --> 01:09:39.000

Cooper City Hall: going through Sheridan, because that goes over our bridge, and we've had engineers and studies saying you should refrain from the heavy weight and try to, as much as we can. We used to have a massive sign that said, all commercial vehicles, go out and enter through hiatus.

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Cooper City Hall: So, a lot of the residents have already trained, I don't mean that disrespectfully, but they have already... they have the habit of telling the residents, or their visitors, or a vendor trucks to come in through hiatus. Well, you're going to be shortening that by half.

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01:09:54.000 --> 01:10:13.480

Cooper City Hall: So as soon as you get an 18-wheeler and, let's say, a school bus, you're now blocking all of Hiatus Road. It's completely now... you've blocked over it, I guess you solved the problem. I guess you solved the problem by slowing down traffic, but, you know, that's... I mean, that's just... there's a lot of flaws in the whole... the whole system, and the 37...

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01:10:13.630 --> 01:10:27.860

Cooper City Hall: That number 37 isn't even accurate with... it's not vehicle to vehicle. Some are vehicle to a tree, vehicle to a... to a... to a... to a bike. I don't... I don't agree with the crosswalk design.

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01:10:27.940 --> 01:10:37.100

Cooper City Hall: And that's just me personally, and I know you guys are the experts in the industry. And I'm gonna go back to the landscaping for a second. The landscaping is...

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01:10:37.550 --> 01:10:56.110

Cooper City Hall: massive. It's a huge, huge hit when it comes to the property values coming in that entrance. We spent millions on those guardhouses for now to have just concrete. Those homeowners that are right there, they're gonna feel the impact of those... the lights and so forth, and saying that the city is going to maintain

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01:10:56.240 --> 01:11:07.220

Cooper City Hall: the roundabout, the landscaping in the middle, and no disrespect to the city, but we've... we've done this dance, the board at Embassy and...

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01:11:07.370 --> 01:11:21.790

Cooper City Hall: the city, we actually went to court over it, and we were awarded the rights where you... you have to maintain the... all the swales and all the entranceways, and the board even opted out of that, just because you have a different...

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01:11:22.830 --> 01:11:40.310

Cooper City Hall: Well, let a budget, be as nice as possible, you know, to where you have a lower standard, because you're doing a whole city, and we're just Embassy Lakes, so you're maintaining something that we would maintain better. So we're going to end up inheriting it anyways. Then about the electric and the lighting, that's going to end up falling on us.

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01:11:40.310 --> 01:11:43.339

Cooper City Hall: And then you have all the access

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01:11:43.340 --> 01:11:56.610

Cooper City Hall: all the damage, and as soon as something occurs, it's gonna fall back to Embassy Lakes to take care of. It's all skewed over to us. I'm not going against Rock Creek, I live there. I'm just saying that there's a lot of other factors that aren't being mentioned here

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01:11:56.610 --> 01:12:12.440

Cooper City Hall: that they're gonna burden the homeowners at Embassy Lakes financially. It's gonna be a tremendous amount of money that's not gonna be foreseen, and then it's gonna be too late once the roundabout comes in. And, I mean, it's just, these are some of the factors, and then being mentioned or being offered, we can relocate our...

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01:12:12.650 --> 01:12:28.520

Cooper City Hall: palm trees. We could relocate them now without a circle. We don't need your... with all due respect, we don't need your permission to relocate our palm trees, we

can do that, but he designed it, he's... he's the president of the Palm Society. I'm sorry, I didn't have said that out loud, but...

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01:12:29.020 --> 01:12:30.979

Cooper City Hall: So, like, th-there's...

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01:12:30.980 --> 01:12:53.059

Cooper City Hall: a design, and there's a means and a mechanism to everything that we do, whether it's for, you know, being... for drought, and then the drainage issue is another factor that we're gonna have to take into consideration that isn't mentioned. And then the signage, there's gonna be issues with the signage. I can keep going on and on, but everyone here pretty much hit the most important factors, but I just wanted to mention there's a few

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01:12:53.270 --> 01:13:06.449

Cooper City Hall: logistical issues that are not being even... just... are overlooked, because I deal with it every day, and a lot of... a lot of the homeowners just don't know that, like, it being over our main line of our irrigation is... is massive.

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01:13:06.730 --> 01:13:15.030

Cooper City Hall: Yeah, we got it from Engel, it's the original, it's not even commercial grade, so... whatever, that's it, I talked too much. Okay.

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01:13:15.460 --> 01:13:16.310

Cooper City Hall: There you go.

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01:13:16.490 --> 01:13:23.510

Cooper City Hall: I believe it's, some people appear... Huh?

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01:13:27.060 --> 01:13:31.019

Cooper City Hall: And then the gentleman, and then the young lady here.

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01:13:32.220 --> 01:13:38.960

Cooper City Hall: Hi, I'm Lori Green, actually a lifelong resident.

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01:13:40.350 --> 01:13:54.070

Cooper City Hall: and on the board of, Embassy Lakes, and I appreciate we have all become very well acquainted over the years, because we... you have taken so much time, professional time,

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01:13:54.070 --> 01:14:16.319

Cooper City Hall: to work with us, as well as, our elected officials. And it actually, I believe it goes back to 2005, that this all began. I just heard, Mayor Eisener, actually, this was under her tenure that, the concerns took place, and for any newer residents, or...

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01:14:16.320 --> 01:14:18.959

Cooper City Hall: Peers that have raised their children here.

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01:14:19.270 --> 01:14:34.090

Cooper City Hall: To this day, my kids who are in their 30s, they will tell you they were never allowed to use that entrance or that exit, because it truly is a white knuckle, to get across, and they knew that.

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01:14:34.460 --> 01:14:40.309

Cooper City Hall: Anyway, that being said, Mayor Eisener,

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01:14:40.540 --> 01:14:51.860

Cooper City Hall: Howard... Commissioner Howard Meltzer, Commissioner Jeremy Katzmann, State Senator, Commissioner, Mayor, Steve Geller.

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01:14:51.860 --> 01:15:01.439

Cooper City Hall: I hope I'm not leaving anyone out. Of course, the current Commission have all been a part of this, so I just want everyone to understand that

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01:15:01.630 --> 01:15:06.229

Cooper City Hall: The fact that... so her question was a part of what?

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01:15:06.440 --> 01:15:14.550

Cooper City Hall: That something needed to be done at that intersection because of the concerns for you literally

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01:15:14.720 --> 01:15:33.650

Cooper City Hall: gun it, and hope, as Robin would say, that you're gonna make it across, or you're gonna make that left turn. Or when my kids were younger, one of our peers flipped her van at that intersection. I see shaking heads. So yes, there have been accidents there. Thank God no one has died.

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01:15:35.020 --> 01:15:38.090

Cooper City Hall: So... Let's fast forward.

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01:15:39.120 --> 01:15:47.720

Cooper City Hall: We, our board of directors, Did unanimously support

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01:15:47.920 --> 01:15:52.680

Cooper City Hall: Embassy Lake's Board of Directors unanimously supported

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01:15:53.790 --> 01:15:59.750

Cooper City Hall: doing some things. We provided a letter of support that could go to...

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Cooper City Hall: the state to help secure funding. That funding then, at a later time, was contingent upon a roundabout. I believe

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01:16:12.750 --> 01:16:19.130

Cooper City Hall: after listening, and I, I think all of our boards here.

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01:16:19.460 --> 01:16:24.350

Cooper City Hall: And the residents, that we may halves.

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01:16:24.600 --> 01:16:27.840

Cooper City Hall: Now that we're further down the road.

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01:16:28.070 --> 01:16:40.230

Cooper City Hall: And it's a roundabout. There are unintended consequences that our manager and other board members have identified. One of the major

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01:16:40.470 --> 01:16:43.020

Cooper City Hall: I'm gonna call it a deal-breaker.

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01:16:43.200 --> 01:16:52.230

Cooper City Hall: And I verbalized it to all the professionals. I am not a professional in this industry. I am a nurse. This is not in my lane, literally.

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01:16:52.620 --> 01:17:04.120

Cooper City Hall: is the location of the crosswalk. The actual crosswalk, not the one that is being proposed across from

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01:17:04.590 --> 01:17:10.629

Cooper City Hall: hiatus, but I don't know if you can put that up, but I think it's to show...

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01:17:11.670 --> 01:17:16.410

Cooper City Hall: Now that it's there, you can drive over and you can take a look and see

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01:17:16.540 --> 01:17:21.929

Cooper City Hall: That... where that... is it the blue? Am I looking at it? Where the blue is?

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01:17:22.410 --> 01:17:27.779

Cooper City Hall: I don't know why there's, like, this weird noise. The crosswalk

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01:17:29.210 --> 01:17:34.310

Cooper City Hall: Once it's laid out, and if you go to our entrance, there's a sign.

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01:17:34.440 --> 01:17:46.500

Cooper City Hall: That says, slippery when wet, and 5 miles, or some... there's several signs. That's exactly the placement. Do you see the side, the white crosswalk in, in...

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01:17:46.900 --> 01:18:00.789

Cooper City Hall: towards us here. Not in the middle, in the middle of the blue, yes. That is approximately... we didn't measure it, so don't hold us to it, but it's about 3 to 4 car lengths.

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01:18:01.270 --> 01:18:06.630

Cooper City Hall: into the stacking. So, if you have 3 or 4

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01:18:07.180 --> 01:18:10.790

Cooper City Hall: Okay, if you have 3 or 4 cars.

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01:18:11.410 --> 01:18:18.569

Cooper City Hall: Who are stacking, either waiting to go into the resident lane, or the visitor lane.

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01:18:20.370 --> 01:18:35.930

Cooper City Hall: a pedestrian, a runner, a biker, a child, could actually be walking through parked cars. Not just potentially moving cars, but parked cars. So as we stood out there on our visit last week.

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Cooper City Hall: That, to me, was...

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01:18:38.820 --> 01:18:50.290

Cooper City Hall: probably of everything was the greatest concern, and I would... if this project moves forward, I think that, and again, not my lane.

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01:18:51.070 --> 01:19:00.780

Cooper City Hall: But it needs to go some... I don't know where it is, what the option is, but I have really grave concerns for the location of that particular crosswalk.

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01:19:01.170 --> 01:19:03.990

Cooper City Hall: So, what we're looking right now is a concept.

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Cooper City Hall: A 60% concept.

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01:19:06.800 --> 01:19:12.670

Cooper City Hall: In order for us to move forward, we will have to provide 90%, 100, and final construction documents.

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01:19:12.920 --> 01:19:16.559

Cooper City Hall: So the crosswalk, it's still something that we can work with.

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01:19:16.780 --> 01:19:24.150

Cooper City Hall: It's just pavement markings and concrete for the two, curb ramps on both sides. That's something that we can still work with. This is not a definite...

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01:19:24.150 --> 01:19:42.280

Cooper City Hall: Fair enough, so I appreciate, and I think that's... that's very important to know. Additionally, there's been comments, and I want to... I want to hear from you as well. There were two. One is, I want to see that \$2 million utilized in some other way. Well, there's not really

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01:19:42.280 --> 01:19:44.769

Cooper City Hall: \$2 million that can be used...

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01:19:44.770 --> 01:19:48.670

Cooper City Hall: if I'm correct, that can be used in any other way.

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01:19:48.820 --> 01:19:55.859

Cooper City Hall: This is contingent upon this particular project. The grant

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01:19:56.300 --> 01:20:04.459

Cooper City Hall: So I just want to make that clear, that you can't just take \$2 million and hand it over to BSO and say, go do...

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01:20:06.520 --> 01:20:10.499

Cooper City Hall: No, I want to be clear. Guys, lastly.

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01:20:10.550 --> 01:20:26.970

Cooper City Hall: is that we were assured in our meetings that our gate is not going to close. And I think that's important, because we were told that construct... and I drive through Parkland every day, they're working on a roundabout. I've never...

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01:20:26.970 --> 01:20:37.289

Cooper City Hall: had an issue, because I drive through it, and it's still under construction, nothing has stopped. So, can I hear from you that that is indeed the fact? Regarding the gate?

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Cooper City Hall: I have the engineer record sitting, on that table. I know he had a

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01:20:42.510 --> 01:20:43.810

Cooper City Hall: I think we'll check that.

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01:20:44.290 --> 01:20:52.500

Cooper City Hall: Okay, I mean, you have a two-lane road. To construct, I mean, a two-lane road, again, in the same place, you need to close. I mean, it's the...

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01:20:52.870 --> 01:20:58.730

Cooper City Hall: Or, or increase the cost, I mean, by doing temporary payment, and that's... will increase the cost.

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01:21:00.140 --> 01:21:02.260

Cooper City Hall: Will have to be closed for some time, yes.

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01:21:02.810 --> 01:21:11.290

Cooper City Hall: I mean, another 6 months, let me, let me correct. Okay, so as a board member, and I'm sure I could speak for my board.

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01:21:11.930 --> 01:21:14.170

Cooper City Hall: That is also a deal-breaker.

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01:21:14.350 --> 01:21:19.210

Cooper City Hall: We were... But there's ways to mitigate it, and you didn't let him finish.
Oh, I'm sorry.

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01:21:19.370 --> 01:21:21.640

Cooper City Hall: Yeah, I was... I was indicating that, I mean.

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01:21:21.840 --> 01:21:29.309

Cooper City Hall: If we can construct some temporary to shift the traffic while construction is happening, it's a doable thing to avoid the crossing.

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01:21:29.610 --> 01:21:36.170

Cooper City Hall: obviously is... Again, also, 6 months is not... I'm not telling you it will be closed for 6 months.

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01:21:36.350 --> 01:21:41.809

Cooper City Hall: But will be periods of time that we need to close to complete the payment in some sections.

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01:21:42.310 --> 01:21:58.389

Cooper City Hall: That needs to happen. I mean, you have a tooling road, it's a small road. Yeah. For example, in your vision, or what would typically happen when you have a guardhouse entrance, what would it look like,

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01:21:58.630 --> 01:22:09.000

Cooper City Hall: to have a temporary... a change in... in how... where... without closing it. How does that happen? It will be coordinated with the... with the embassy, so it's to... to...

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01:22:09.280 --> 01:22:13.530

Cooper City Hall: Close that interest, I mean, and tell the dressings that they need to use the other.

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01:22:13.990 --> 01:22:15.720

Cooper City Hall: Right, it is close, yeah.

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01:22:18.560 --> 01:22:21.009

Cooper City Hall: Okay, okay, gentlemen, stop here.

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01:22:21.240 --> 01:22:29.279

Cooper City Hall: Yeah, hi, Rick Fredericks. I, been here 41 years, my friends. I got seniority.

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01:22:30.200 --> 01:22:33.040

Cooper City Hall: I've been here for,

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01:22:33.380 --> 01:22:49.010

Cooper City Hall: Since then, I have never seen any overt signs of a, selective enforcement, anything to mitigate the speed over there. Are you saying there have been attempts to, slow the traffic down over there in the past? Captain?

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01:22:51.910 --> 01:22:58.909

Cooper City Hall: I would say, I mean, I've only been here since April. I was here 6 years ago. I can tell you that enforcement happens on hiatus.

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01:22:58.960 --> 01:23:15.890

Cooper City Hall: If it is... if you think about where we deploy... But what I'm saying is a concerted, organized effort to slow down traffic, something to make people think twice before, oh, you don't want to do that over there, I'll go around the block. Alright, but I... everybody, Scouts on her tonight, you can't put it out on Facebook.

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01:23:16.170 --> 01:23:21.170

Cooper City Hall: If you see us out there enforcing the traffic, no warning your friends. Yeah, well, I...

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01:23:21.440 --> 01:23:31.820

Cooper City Hall: I still know of areas down in Miami that I won't drive through, because that's where they hang out. I want that reputation, too. Yeah, El Portal, yeah.

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01:23:31.940 --> 01:23:40.170

Cooper City Hall: And I... I don't see... have... have we got any records of anything that we've, observed to stop this from speeding?

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01:23:40.460 --> 01:23:42.599

Cooper City Hall: You, you poo-pooed, say,

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01:23:42.690 --> 01:23:58.569

Cooper City Hall: that the lowering speed limit won't do anything. Do we have anything that shows that? Yeah, yeah, yeah. So, the Institute of Traffic Engineers has many studies that have been proven nationwide. There is no... unless you do some sort of

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01:23:58.570 --> 01:24:09.670

Cooper City Hall: construction, horizontal terrace, or vertical construction, you would not affect the speed limit, because people are going to drive the way they feel the road will be. So we could either

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01:24:09.750 --> 01:24:32.559

Cooper City Hall: narrowing the lanes that will have some effect, and it's kind of like... and the problem with hiatus is that it's so open that it gives that opportunity for a lot of vehicles to speed. So if we change a number, chances are going to be that it's not going to do that effect, that you're trying to reduce the speed limit, unless you construct or modify the actual geometry of the road.

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01:24:32.790 --> 01:24:42.049

Cooper City Hall: So, what you're saying is we're not going to actually try to do anything. We're going to rely on some record books and some studies in the past?

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01:24:42.260 --> 01:24:53.870

Cooper City Hall: Before we throw money at it. I mean, why wouldn't we do that? We are moving forward with the changing of the speed limit, and you got the commitment from the captain that she's going to be doing more enforcement.

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01:24:54.030 --> 01:24:58.170

Cooper City Hall: But like I said before, a lot of us have apps today

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01:24:58.350 --> 01:25:12.530

Cooper City Hall: That tells you exactly where the police officers are, and they're going to slow down only when they know that there's a police officer over there. So, it is... It's done around the country by departments when there's a problem, and it works. They shut it right down.

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01:25:12.740 --> 01:25:19.019

Cooper City Hall: So, why wouldn't we try that before we spend \$2.5 million? Good for me. Thank you.

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01:25:20.650 --> 01:25:31.120

Cooper City Hall: We're... right now, we're listening to your feedback, and we'll have a discussion, and the commission will make a decision. Who was next? I'm sure you were... wait, wait, wait, here?

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01:25:31.440 --> 01:25:35.050

Cooper City Hall: Here, and then there was a lady back there, and then we go back to it.

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01:25:36.390 --> 01:25:38.349

Cooper City Hall: Yes, and we got all the people online.

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01:25:40.060 --> 01:25:41.569

Cooper City Hall: You've got to be green.

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01:25:41.710 --> 01:25:47.030

Cooper City Hall: Okay, hi, thank you. Thank you, for having us. Please tune...

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01:25:51.600 --> 01:25:53.429

Cooper City Hall: Okay, thank you.

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01:25:53.560 --> 01:26:00.920

Cooper City Hall: I got here late. I got here at 6.15, so I missed the presentation.

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01:26:00.920 --> 01:26:18.540

Cooper City Hall: Has there been engineering design started on the roundabout? And what percent complete is it? 60% design. 60% design? And have the... have... I... my husband and I moved to Embassy Lakes in 1992. We've been there ever since. We live in Ventana, right near the hiatus entrance.

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01:26:18.540 --> 01:26:34.619

Cooper City Hall: Are our, board of directors of our homeowners association going to be able to review, the 60% design to make sure that, that they're okay with it, and that it... So you've already done that?

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01:26:35.570 --> 01:26:52.140

Cooper City Hall: Yeah. Oh, there it. So, okay, I apologize. My background is I've used hiatus since 1992. I've never had any problem getting into or out of hiatus, neither has my husband, so I don't even know what the problem is, but I respect if everybody else is having problems, that's cool.

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01:26:52.140 --> 01:27:08.840

Cooper City Hall: You're not. Okay, that's why you're here. That's why you're here. I don't even know why we're doing this, but if we are gonna do it, it needs to be done quickly, because I have a feeling you're gonna have to shut down that whole, hiatus, which means we're gonna have two gates to use in Embassy Lakes.

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01:27:08.840 --> 01:27:30.419

Cooper City Hall: And it's gonna be for... and we're used to that, when they rebuilt the, the gates. And that hiatus gate is constantly breaking down, and it's constantly closing, so as soon as you start a roundabout, and as I understand it, there's utilities there and what have you, I'm assuming it's not gonna take 6 months, it's gonna take a year and a half, is what I'm assuming.

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01:27:30.530 --> 01:27:43.570

Cooper City Hall: So, I just want to let you know that we at Embassy Lakes, are going to be looking... we're going to be paying attention, and it's because it's going to hurt us, it's going to hurt our property values.

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01:27:43.570 --> 01:27:53.200

Cooper City Hall: And, I just want to make sure that when it gets to... what is the next design? 90% design? No, we're not going to proceed to 90% design until the Commission

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01:27:53.200 --> 01:28:05.990

Cooper City Hall: listens to all of the debate that has happened here tonight, and give us directions that we continue, we stop. Okay. All right, well, thank you very much. I appreciate the opportunity. You're welcome. The lady back there?

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01:28:09.330 --> 01:28:10.180

Cooper City Hall: Push that one.

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01:28:11.220 --> 01:28:26.920

Cooper City Hall: I live in Rock Creek. I've lived in Rock Creek for over 40 years, and I use that exit and entrance twice a day, even in the morning traffic, because I work behind where the Winn-Dixie used to be. I'm a nurse there.

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01:28:27.350 --> 01:28:33.370

Cooper City Hall: I think a roundabout is going to create men... really much more problems.

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01:28:33.500 --> 01:28:39.539

Cooper City Hall: And more dangerous, because, first of all, not to disparage anybody, but...

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01:28:39.610 --> 01:28:54.700

Cooper City Hall: South Floridians are not, like, the best drivers. They don't stop at stop signs, they go through red lights, I mean, you know, so they're gonna get at this roundabout,

and they're gonna try and squeeze in before the person who has the right of way. And if you wait.

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01:28:54.900 --> 01:29:02.040

Cooper City Hall: a couple of minutes. There's a traffic light on Sheridan, and there's a traffic light on Sterling, so there's always a break in the traffic.

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01:29:02.390 --> 01:29:13.390

Cooper City Hall: You just have to be a little bit patient sometimes, and wait a couple of minutes, and not, you know, like, try and speed out there. And I think a roundabout is gonna just make things worse.

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01:29:14.390 --> 01:29:17.990

Cooper City Hall: But, you know, something to slow down the traffic would be good.

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01:29:18.270 --> 01:29:26.230

Cooper City Hall: But I think that's already been mentioned several times, so I won't elaborate on that. Thank you very much for your comment.

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01:29:26.960 --> 01:29:34.609

Cooper City Hall: Thank you. My name is Mark Feynman. I also live in Embassy Lakes. I've been a resident of Cooper City for a little over 8 years.

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01:29:36.160 --> 01:29:52.739

Cooper City Hall: I first want to echo Mr. Lashbrook. Thank you for having the forum and allowing us to provide feedback throughout the process. I think that this is a very sticky situation. I think the intention of the people who want to improve the safety

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01:29:52.800 --> 01:30:02.869

Cooper City Hall: coming out of that highest gate is all for the right reason. But I don't think that they envisioned that this is what it would look like, and that's why there's a challenge here now.

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01:30:03.150 --> 01:30:15.419

Cooper City Hall: And the thing I heard that was most concerning was that this grant money was contingent on one solution being a roundabout versus identifying what the best possible solution is.

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Cooper City Hall: So I wanted to... I wanted to just confirm, is that true? The only way to get funding is if... is contingent on a roundabout?

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah, the funding is specifically to construct a roundabout.

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Cooper City Hall: the solutions process, it was done in 2016, when Corodino was hired, and at that point, they were looking at all of the different alternatives. So, the decision as to what alternative was the best was done basically a decade ago.

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Cooper City Hall: And since then, basically been trying to move the process forward and get secure funding for whatever was decided then.

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Cooper City Hall: Got it. Okay, I'll just hit a couple points, because much of what I want to say has been covered.

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Cooper City Hall: I'm all for improving the safety of that intersection. It's outside my neighborhood. I personally don't believe that this is the right solution to do that. Hearing complaints from some of my neighbors.

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Cooper City Hall: They would love to have a crosswalk and ability to get across the street from Rock Creek to Embassy Lakes and make it easier, because many of them do like to use golf carts, and they find that particularly dangerous. It doesn't seem like the number of accidents is actually statistically relevant to prioritize this, meaning it's less than 1% of the accidents that happen.

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Cooper City Hall: it's not stack-ranked to say this is the worst intersection, this is the intersections we're comparing it about, this has come up, we've already kind of addressed the way that the statistics were provided.

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Cooper City Hall: And... Ultimately.

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Cooper City Hall: I think it is an intersection that doesn't warrant this level of interest, meaning there's grant money coming, but it still requires an additional million-plus

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Cooper City Hall: funding from us? 500 to a million, depending on which solution... Okay, so let's call it 500 to a million. That is money that would be per,

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Cooper City Hall: allocated for this project that could be repurposed in any number of ways to address that problem, whether it's police enforcement or anything else. If we were willing to assign it to construction there, then we can assign it to any other means that we want. I think some solutions that would help it, and I know this is not a meeting for solutioning it, is

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Cooper City Hall: Agree, reducing the speed limit, having police enforcement, but also having some kind of yield sign or indicator that says there's crossing traffic.

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Cooper City Hall: to indicate to people who are coming down hiatus, there's somebody who is trying to make a left or going across the street, and they should be aware of that, whether it's a blinking light or something else. I don't know what limitations there are from the city and what's been exposed, but I'm sharing that as indication to somebody, and putting up a sign. I don't know if there's a limit outside of the city that would prevent us from putting up a sign that blinks when there's

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Cooper City Hall: pressure.

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Cooper City Hall: From, like, a heavy car or something that goes across it. So, I would love to find a solution that improves the safety there, but I... I agree with the majority of the people in this room that a roundabout is not the way to go about that, and I... I'm concerned that,

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Cooper City Hall: while we applied for that grant, it feels like we are pigeonholed into only that solution because of that grant money, which requires a roundabout, and many people

are not happy about the roundabout. Right, I mean, it all comes from the 2016 study and direction we've been following. So, we're going to now go to the people that are on Zoom.

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Cooper City Hall: So we can start connecting those, Michael, and we'll go through those questions. Thank you. Yes.

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Cooper City Hall: So, first up, we will have Stan Schneider. I am unmuting your microphone. You can unmute and speak, please.

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Stan Schneider: Yes, I was actually thinking that it might be a good idea, but there's been so many negative comments. I'm now on the table, this roundabout side.

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Stan Schneider: It's gonna ruin the hiatus entrance for probably 18 months, and what's going to happen is

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Stan Schneider: What I'm really surprised about is that we have tried to lower the speed limit first. There are so many ways, with the rumble strips, with the caution lights that were

just brought up, with a sign that says, don't even think about speeding, like they have in Biscayne Park in Miami-Dade.

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Stan Schneider: the maximum... posting that the maximum fines will apply, and then enforcing it at certain times of the day and night. So, this is really overkill, this roundabout, and we really need to try other measures first.

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Stan Schneider: And I want to echo something that the folks said who live on houses that border hiatus against the wall.

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Stan Schneider: I'm... I'm in Ventana by... I'm inland in Vantana by about, maybe, what, a quarter mile. I can hear those hot rudders every night, especially on the weekends. So.

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Stan Schneider: Anything we can do to slow them down. You know, it's really... in other words, it's not just accidents that are the problem, it's the noise created by the hot rotters, which are bringing our property values down.

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Stan Schneider: So, please think about all these things, table this roundabout, let's try something else first to see if it helps the matter, and and please, you can't consider closing the hiatus gate for 6, 12, or 18 months. It's just unimaginable. Thanks very much.

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah, two things, if you're concerned about noise, rumble strips are horrible for noise. I mean, those will keep you up at night. The, and yeah.

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Cooper City Hall: we were... are not going to close the gate for 6 months. I mean, part of what we do with the contractors is do what's called maintenance of traffic, which is basically

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Cooper City Hall: Steps that you take into account to...

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Cooper City Hall: minimize the impacts and reduce the amount of time that... well, the construction project might last 6 months, if you... if you guys driven on the turnpack to connect to I-95, it is... it is a mess, but they've been basically moving the project along and continue to keep the roads open, and that's...

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Cooper City Hall: part of what the, the traffic engineers will do when they do that. Next, call.

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Cooper City Hall: Yes. Jacqueline Kiviat, we're unmuting your microphone.

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Jacqueline Kiviat: Speaking.

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Cooper City Hall: Billing.

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Jacqueline Kiviat: Peter. This is Peter, do you hear me?

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Jacqueline Kiviat: Yes, we can. Okay, thank you. You know, first of all, since this project started in 2016, it's possible that the look-back of accidents going back

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Jacqueline Kiviat: From 2016 to 2006, so whenever the point of reference was, was a lot greater than the look back that you're showing now, going back 10 years, of 2025 to 2016.

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Jacqueline Kiviat: of 37, that seems insignificant. Additionally, without a breakdown, this is to the cause.

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Jacqueline Kiviat: of, you know, behind each accident, when you're talking about such a terribly low number, it really has no meaning at all. Like, this... this seems to me almost,

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Jacqueline Kiviat: a solution in search for a problem, especially in a city where you have accident machines, like, you know, the one of people making left turns coming out of Publix to go across 5 lanes on Sterling.

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Jacqueline Kiviat: And, and the one out of embassy, of, you know, people looking to go all the way left, coming out of that, you know, the corner, back with the,

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Jacqueline Kiviat: Near where the medical center is, where, like, those are accident factories that continually get ignored, and we're looking to do something that could be highly disruptive.

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Jacqueline Kiviat: on a problem here that we really don't even know exists. And I think if you were to actually dare put this on a referendum to the city, it would be overwhelmingly rejected by the people that live in the city.

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Jacqueline Kiviat: The first time I even heard that this construction project was gonna happen.

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Jacqueline Kiviat: was on a Cooper City Facebook site, maybe 3 or 4 weeks ago. I think...

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Jacqueline Kiviat: Most people are not even aware that something disruptive would take place, and I'm not also getting into some of the commercial,

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Jacqueline Kiviat: implications here. You know, the Walgreens on Serling is hanging on by a thread.

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Jacqueline Kiviat: It would be horrible if, like, a 6-month closure, a major problem of traffic.

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Jacqueline Kiviat: was... was the straw that broke the camel's back there. So, I know... and I live, I've lived in Rock Creek for over 30 years, and I've... I've seen a lot more accidents all over the place. I... I think...

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Jacqueline Kiviat: I've never even seen one there.

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Jacqueline Kiviat: And it almost seems like the roundabout could cause even more accidents over the next 10 years than you've described happened over the last 10.

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Jacqueline Kiviat: So, I think if you were to actually proactively poll everyone in Cooper City, I just would be shocked at how

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Jacqueline Kiviat: You would see there's a total lack of support for this.

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Jacqueline Kiviat: And, yeah, thank you, and thanks for allowing me to participate.

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Cooper City Hall: No, thank you very much for your comment. Michael, the next one?

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Cooper City Hall: Yes. Mike, no last name, we are unmuting your microphone.

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Mike: Hi, thank you.

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Mike: I have a lot of experience, driving around Weston, where they have quite a few roundabouts, and

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Mike: It is true, like, the...

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Mike: there's no respect for the other people. The people that come flying into the roundabout, like it's a, you know, a Formula One race.

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Mike: You, like, really... if you're not on the ball, you know, to try to get in there, it's just kind of stressful.

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Mike: And then the other thing is, people that are, you know, let's say, pulling a big boat.

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Mike: I, you know, coming out of Rock Creek and making a left turn on hiatus. I don't know how something that could be between a truck and a boat that could be 50 feet long is ever going to get around

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Mike: a roundabout like that. Also all the landscaping, people coming in and out of that entrance.

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Mike: So, that's... that was just my take. Thank you very much.

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Cooper City Hall: No, thank you for your comment. Michael, next caller.

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Cooper City Hall: Yes. I believe we got pretty more.

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Cooper City Hall: Right. Ronnie Starn, we are unmuting your microphone.

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Roni B Sterin: Good evening, everybody. I hope my board for Embassy Lakes is sitting down, because I'm actually

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Roni B Sterin: Can you hear me?

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Cooper City Hall: Yes, we can...

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Roni B Sterin: Okay. So, anyway, I have been a resident, I've lived in Cooper City since 2013. My husband is there, sitting in front of you, he spoke before.

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Roni B Sterin: I am of the opinion that you guys got a grant.

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Roni B Sterin: of \$2 million. It's not our money, obviously, it's the state's money. You are our advocates. Just like I am my advocate for my kids, you are our advocates for the residents of Cooper City. You are the ones that should go back to the state, or to the county, or whomever it may be, and say, you know what? This alternative, this option that you're offering is not a good one.

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Roni B Sterin: It is not something that is acceptable to the city. I come from a country where every other street is a roundabout, there are still accidents, and there are still issues with, you know, people not giving the right of way, or people going in too fast.

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Roni B Sterin: So, the question to you is, can you be our advocate? That is, at the end of the day, that is why we elect people, you know, our commissioners and everything. Be our advocate. Go back to the state, tell them, this is not going to work for our small, very small city.

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Cooper City Hall: Thank you. The decision to go forward or not is not the state's. The decision to go forward or not rests solely within the City Commission.

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Roni B Sterin: I understand that, that's not what I'm saying. What I'm saying is that the money was contingent on getting a roundabout, was it not?

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah, the money is for... when you compete for these grants, it's project-specific, and if you don't go forward with the project, which is our right to do.

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Cooper City Hall: You return the money to the coffers, and then if you have another project in the future, then you apply for that, and you have to compete with other people for the money that you apply for.

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Roni B Sterin: So... so just... just let me finish, so sorry. So, what I'm saying is that you advocate, and you say, this is not a good alternative. This is... our city is 2x3. Come on, this is not a good alternative for our city. We have an option. There are other ways to slow down traffic, be it the narrowing, be it anything else, that is not so...

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Roni B Sterin: constructive, not a mega roundabout. There are ways that, you know, that we can slow this down.

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Roni B Sterin: So, I'm looking to you, sir, Alex, I'm not sure your last name, but I've met you before, and you're a very nice gentleman. I'm looking to you, as our city manager, to be our advocate. Be our advocate, be on our side, and understand that, yes, the commissioners will vote, Lisa will vote one, Jeremy will vote another, everybody will vote their way, but we're just saying, advocate for something else that the city will use the money for.

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Roni B Sterin: to slow down the traffic. Maybe it will cost a million, we'll give them back a million, think about that. I mean, they'll love us for that. So, just be our advocate, just like we are for our kids. We are your kids at this case.

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah, and, and trust me,

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Cooper City Hall: once we get clear direction from the Commission as to how we're going to pivot, then we are always going to do our best to bring as much money to the city as it is possible. So, yeah, we'll definitely advocate for that. And Michael, I think we leave that we've got one more or two more? Two more. We have two more, sir.

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Cooper City Hall: Mitch, I am unmuting your microphone, please go ahead.

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Mitch: Hi, it's not Mitch, it's Robin.

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Mitch: Mitch is my husband.

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Mitch: I'm a long-time Cooper City resident for 92 years. I mean, since 1992.

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Mitch: And, first of all, I want to thank everyone who's already spoken on behalf of not having the roundabout. I agree with almost everything that everyone has said, and Ronnie, I liked what you're saying about having

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Mitch: the Commission advocate for us. We don't want this roundabout. Listening to everything.

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Mitch: It needs to be brought back to them that, number one.

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Mitch: I can't even imagine how the traffic will be on hiatus, because it gets backed up now when we have cars coming into the hiatus gate.

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Mitch: With the roundabout, it's gonna get further backed up. That's gonna cause additional accidents, because people are gonna be coming down the road, coming from Sheridan Street, they're gonna be assuming that all of a sudden they're gonna have to step on their brakes, because there's gonna be a backup up there.

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Mitch: There's no way that we're going to have room to get these, like what we're talking about, not necessarily 18-wheelers, but any type of trucks, big SUVs.

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Mitch: I see it all the time. You know, when I'm going out the hiatus gate, I wait. It's called patience, until you can get across. And as Lori Green mentioned when my kids were younger, I did, because they don't know about patience, I told them to use the other gates.

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Mitch: You know, and that's what you do as a parent. And I just think that just because we've gotten this money, we don't need to use it.

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Mitch: And if we have to give it back, we give it back, because we don't want a roundabout. It is going to affect our community, it's going to kill the entrance on it there, and it's... and anyway, even if we're doing that.

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Mitch: Don't... if you're gonna take our property, isn't there something called eminent domain? That you'd have to pay our community?

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Mitch: To actually do something like that?

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah, we... you're 100% right, and we got the property appraised, and we'll... if we're going forward, we'll go through that eminent domain process, or negotiate an agreement for the purchase of the property.

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Mitch: Right, which we then... we would have to hire attorneys, because I've been through eminent domain, and the city offers you nothing for what we would have to go through. As the other gentleman, the property manager, said with the, electrical and everything else, the landscaping...

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Mitch: I think it's just that there are other alternatives that have not been looked at, such as putting up the blinking lights, which I thought was a great suggestion. It would slow it down. I understand putting those little, what you said, the rumble thing, those would not work, because they are very loud. But blinking lights, why couldn't we... whatever happened to be putting up a light there?

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Mitch: I mean, there's other alternatives, and the accidents all happen, as someone mentioned, on 106 and Sterling.

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Mitch: that's never been addressed. So we're addressing something that isn't even the main concern, I think, even for our people who leave. How many accidents we hear all the time about 106 and Sterling. So...

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Mitch: We're all no, and you need to come back, and you need to tell them that we're no, and as Ronnie said, advocate for us.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, thank you.

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Mitch: Thank you very much.

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Cooper City Hall: We got one more on the, on Zoom? Yes. Yes, they're going to go board after this. Fernando Martinez, your microphone is unmuted.

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Fernando Martinez: Hey guys, good evening. So listen, I mean, straight up, I'm for it, only because it's a terrible intersection, right? Something that's not being considered are the thousands of near misses.

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Fernando Martinez: That occur?

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Fernando Martinez: And just a heads up, you know, I live in Embassy Lake, so I go through that intersection all the time, it's awful, it's terrible. But,

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Fernando Martinez: you know, a compromise How about making it right turn only, out of that?

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Fernando Martinez: G.

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Fernando Martinez: from the Rock Creek side, and from the Embassy Lake side. Just a thought. Thanks.

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Cooper City Hall: Thank you, that... that is... it will prevent a lot of those left turn accidents. I don't know how popular it will be with the people in Embassy Lakes to just have a right turn out of there, but... I'm sorry? They will have to make a U-turn at the nearest signal. Right. A couple thousand feet. Yeah, yeah, if you... sorry, if you're going... unless you use another exit, right.

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah, okay. Last comment, and then we'll get the opportunity to vote. While we do this, Michael or John, Jonathan, could you put the QR code back up so people can be ready to vote?

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, question for you or, or the City Attorney. Can you elaborate on the reasons why... Wait, wait, wait, guys, guys, please, could you be...

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Cooper City Hall: the reasons why we cannot speed camera enforcement in Cooper City. And the last question is, I think that you've heard enough opposition to this project from everybody here as for... to add another option to that voting, which would be to table and keep thinking about a better solution instead of nothing.

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Cooper City Hall: Good, good suggestion. I don't know that, Jonathan, we can change the options on the fly or not.

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Cooper City Hall: While we do that, Captain, you want to address the camera ticket enforcement?

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Cooper City Hall: Yes, that's a great question. The speed enforcement via traffic, you mean, like, when you get tickets in the mail, is actually regulated, and it's, limited to school speed zone enforcement.

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Cooper City Hall: So we wouldn't be able to do it for that road.

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Cooper City Hall: That's probably for red light tickets, though. Red light... you're talking specifically about speed enforcement citations.

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Cooper City Hall: I'm sorry if I didn't specify.

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Cooper City Hall: Stop.

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Cooper City Hall: Huh? Yeah.

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Cooper City Hall: Correct.

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Cooper City Hall: We're on in.

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Cooper City Hall: Michael, could you make sure the people that are online are also

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Cooper City Hall: Our boarding? Okay. The link has been put online. Right, yeah. And there...

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Cooper City Hall: Mr. Ray, there are also two more folks online who have raised their hands, if we would like to take the call. Sure, well, I guess while people are voting, let's take those calls. Okay.

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Cooper City Hall: Adam, new mark, I've unmuted your microphone. Anybody has a problem connecting to the QR code, Jonathan is available to help you, and Rolando is also available.

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Cooper City Hall: So, they'll be happy to help you.

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Adam Newmark: Okay, hi, this is Adam, can you guys hear me?

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Cooper City Hall: Yes, we can.

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Adam Newmark: Okay, great. I wanted to start with first, thank you for having the open forum and discussion.

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Adam Newmark: As a resident of Embassy Lakes, I agree with

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Adam Newmark: Which seems like it's the overwhelming majority of folks.

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Adam Newmark: That are against the roundabout.

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Adam Newmark: Candidly, I would love to see just a more phased approach.

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Adam Newmark: To... to the problem that we're having on hiatus, which is really...

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Adam Newmark: a speed problem, more than anything else than a traffic problem. I generally, when I go through a roundabout, and when it's effective, it's usually to address a problem where there's traffic congestion, and while it does also

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Adam Newmark: naturally.

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Adam Newmark: create a speed reduction. It's usually just more effective in larger streets where there's more traffic, and I think the problem we have in hiatus is not a traffic problem, but a speed problem, and would love to see alternative solutions presented that would take more of a phased approach, whether it's

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Adam Newmark: Crosswalk lights, whether it's rumble strips, whether it's a speed hump, whatever the solution looks like.

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Adam Newmark: Just to take more of this, let's take a step-by-step approach versus... What seems to be... a very...

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Adam Newmark: Big, overbearing solution to what seems like a smaller problem that we're trying to solve here.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, appreciate your comments, thank you very much. I believe... what's the next one, Michael?

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Cooper City Hall: We have Melissa Conowal. I am unmuting your microphone.

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Melissa Conowal: Yes, hi, so I was late to the meeting, so I'd like a little bit more explanation about what is Alternative A and what is Alternative B, so that I can vote, knowing what it's about.

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Melissa Conowal: But I was interested... also curious to find out if there was any, like, data, statistics, studies, something like that, that... that you guys have presented.

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Melissa Conowal: In addition to this argument, to add the roundabout, but definitely need clarification on what...

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah, just for the NFLD people that were here earlier, leave your contact information with our communications department, and I will have somebody call you tomorrow to kind of walk you through the presentation and what was A and B. In short, A was the larger

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Cooper City Hall: Roundabout B is a shorter diameter roundabout, but I'll have people, you know, call you tomorrow and walk through the process with you. People have been here for almost

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Cooper City Hall: Almost 2 hours.

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Melissa Conowal: Okay.

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Melissa Conowal: So the lab...

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Cooper City Hall: Thank you.

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Melissa Conowal: The last one.

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Cooper City Hall: Leave your contact information with communications. Thank you.

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Melissa Conowal: Well, what about my next question? What about the data, the analysts? Any kind of data or analysts or statistics that you guys have presented or, like, studied?

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah, the idea, they'll share that with you tomorrow as well.

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Melissa Conowal: Okay.

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Cooper City Hall: We have, ronnie Starin has raised her hand one more time. I'm unmuting your microphone, Ron.

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Roni B Sterin: Hi, sorry to barge again.

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Roni B Sterin: There is something that is important to say.

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Roni B Sterin: that that ignor section, while others have mentioned that they have not seen accidents in it.

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Roni B Sterin: I've seen at least two. One of them is one of our neighbors here in embassy, which was a really bad accident, and the other one is one of my agents, that she was turning into embassy, and somebody just

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Roni B Sterin: T-boned her. So, there is a problem. I don't want to ignore that, I don't... and she texted me, very upset. There is a problem, there's definitely a problem, and I think, like we said before, you know, and I'm being repetitive, just be our advocate, because the problem does exist, but this is not the solution. Thank you so much.

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Cooper City Hall: Thank you, Robin. And last call, and after this, we're going to close it, and then we show up the results. I hope that everybody who is on Zoom has been able to board as well, so we can see everybody's results.

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Cooper City Hall: Thank you, Michael.

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Cooper City Hall: Yeah, I was just gonna state, Alex, we have one more person, if... Yeah, you bring them in. Greg M, I have unmuted your microphone.

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Greg M: Thank you. I've been a resident for 29 years.

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Greg M: I can't tell you how many

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Greg M: what look like pretty, severe accidents I've seen there.

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Greg M: I can remember at least 5 very severe accidents. I know we have to have the statistics with the police, but...

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Greg M: My children, who were starting to drive, decided they didn't want to drive until they were 18, because they never wanted to go out the hiatus gate. They were so scared of that.

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Greg M: I live part-time up in North Carolina, and they are putting in roundabouts, like, everywhere. And it is... it is such a wonderful change. I... I voted, and when I saw how... what the percentage was.

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Greg M: it made me want to cry. I cannot believe that people who have these accidents haven't been contacted and say that this intersection is not probably the worst in Cooper City.

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Greg M: So, I'm begging people, please, change your mind, and support, putting a roundabout there.

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Greg M: Thank you.

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Cooper City Hall: Thank you very much for your comments, and that closes the... I, I think...

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Cooper City Hall: everything that needs to be said pretty much has been said. Michael, you want to share the results? I just want to, regardless of the results tonight, we will let the community know when the issue is going to come in from the Commission, so anybody who wants to come back or has had the opportunity to talk about that.

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Cooper City Hall: The next step would be, you know, us bringing a report as to what happened tonight to the Commission, and they can make a final decision, so...

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Cooper City Hall: Some of the commissioners are having here, or some of them are watching online, but basically,

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Cooper City Hall: The roundabout basically has got about 19% or 20%, and the north roundabout has had about 80% of the people that have boarded. How many boats did we get?

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Cooper City Hall: 159 volts.

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Cooper City Hall: Okay, sure. Yeah.

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Cooper City Hall: So, thank you.

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Cooper City Hall: Thank you, yeah, yeah, thank you very much for coming. We really appreciate the opportunity to discuss this, get your input, and

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Cooper City Hall: Remember, remember that we do work for you, so...