

## Staff Report

**Subject:** Forest Haven Drive at Effingham Parkway – Study of alternatives  
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**Meeting Date:** June 7, 2022  
**Item Description:** County Commission to consider supporting a change order to the Georgia Department of Transportation to modify the intersection of Forest Haven Drive to create a dead end on Forest Haven Drive and eliminate the connection to the Effingham Parkway.

### Summary Recommendation:

The residents of Forest Haven Drive has petitioned the Board of Commissioners to close the connection to Effingham Parkway. The neighborhood has asked the Board to submit change order request to the GDOT to change the design and construction of the intersection. Prior to making such a change, the Board of Commissioners requested an engineering evaluation of the impacts of the connection of lack thereof.

### Executive Summary/Background:

- The Effingham Parkway has a full access intersection with Forest Haven Drive and Squirrel Run.
- The residents of Forest Haven Drive are concerned the road will become a cut through road from Hodgeville Road.
- The residents desire the road to be dead-ended with a turn around.
- Access to Squirrel Run would be from Effingham Parkway and unaffected by the proposed change.
- The 2020 Transportation Master Plan did not originally include Forest Haven Drive in the traffic model created to evaluate intersections. This was because it was considered a dead end local street. However, with the addition of an intersection with Effingham Parkway, the potential for a change in traffic use on Forest Haven Drive exists.
- Pond Co. was selected to prepare the 2020 Transportation Master Plan in December 2020. In February 2022, Pond Co. was requested add the road and model the impact to the road, its intersections with Hodgeville Road and Effingham Parkways, and what improvements would be needed to mitigate the effects.
- The report and its appendices provide multiple options for consideration.

### Alternatives for Commission to Consider

1 – None. Presentation and information only

**Department Review:** County Engineer; County Attorney

**Funding Source:** No new funding requested.

**Attachments:** 1. Forest Haven Alternatives Study