



**TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION ITEM
CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS**

AGENDA TOPIC: Consideration and possible action on the Fair Oaks Parkway median at Front Gate

DATE: February 5, 2025

REQUESTER: Harold Prasatik, Resident

REQUEST

Location/Situation for Review and Description of Concerns

Item Two. (The median) Because the intersection of Fair Oaks Parkway (FOP) and Front Gate appears to be one of the busiest intersections within the interior of FOR in my estimation, special attention is warranted. There are over 500 homes in Front Gate from which vehicles exit via Front Gate (south) or Square Gate (north). I am submitting three forms. This second form focuses on the median at FOP and Front Gate.

1. The median in FOP at Front Gate is poorly designed. It is too narrow and too short. Issues occur when one vehicle is already in the median, but angled, making it hard for a second vehicle to enter the median. There is no line separating the lanes in the median (if there are lanes), so vehicles may stop at an angle across the median whether coming from either direction.
2. I have witnessed a school bus leaving Front Gate and trying to turn left (east) onto FOP. The bus entered the median and then backed up (onto westbound FOP) because the median lanes were too narrow to make the left turn (and another vehicle was involved). Imagine that dangerous situation.
3. Maneuvering in this intersection is further complicated by Texas law that applies when the median is less than 30 feet wide in which vehicles are expected to be on the left side of the median when turning left. The median appears to be about 20 foot wide. Vehicles tend to do the opposite of state law in this intersection.
4. How does a pedestrian manage crossing this median as part of the intersection?

Desired Outcome/Resolution

1. Have a traffic study done to help in designing the traffic flow.
2. Widen the median turn lanes.
3. Paint a dividing line in the median, and paint directional arrows on the pavement based on recommendations from a traffic study.
4. Consider stop signs in all directions to better help vehicles attempting to navigate this difficult intersection, using Dietz Elkhorn - Square Gate as an example.

5. Consider better signage to help pedestrians when crossing either FOP or Front Gate...i.e. all directions. reduce the speed limit to 30 mph on FOP in the area and put up a sign for westbound traffic indicating that the Front Gate intersection is ahead.

STAFF REPORT

Public Works Comments

1. The median is 30 feet wide which is adequate for two lanes.
2. Adding a yellow centerline can help keep vehicles in their lane and not stop at an angle.
3. Pedestrian crossing on Fair Oaks Parkway is not encouraged.
4. Due to cost, volume of traffic, and length of construction time, widening the median is not recommended.
5. The school has not reported any issue with the median.

Public Safety Comments

There are no immediate concerns at this time when considering the expense and extended closure required to do the requested redesign. This closure would cause serious delays, congestion, and safety concerns. There are dozens of intersecting roads to the Parkway that could articulate similar concerns.

Estimated Costs, including but not limited to, required studies / analysis

Adding a yellow centerline in the median can be done in-house and within fiscal year budget.

COMMITTEE ACTION / MOTION

I move to recommend