



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

AGENDA TOPIC: Consideration and possible action on traffic and pedestrian improvements at the intersection of Fair Oaks Parkway and Front Gate (westbound traffic)

DATE: February 5, 2025

REQUESTER: Harold Prasatik, Resident

REQUEST

Location/Situation for Review and Description of Concerns

Item One (Westbound traffic): 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 is the first which focuses on westbound FOP traffic:

1. A driver turning right from Front Gate onto FOP must look to the left and wait for the westbound traffic which comes over a rise along FOP at speeds of 35 mph and sometimes faster. It becomes a gamble for the driver to quickly guess when it is safe to enter FOP. At certain times of day, there may be long waits which can tempt a driver to take a chance.
2. If a driver is attempting to turn left from Front Gate onto FOP, has the same challenge of judging when to jump across westbound FOP, and then pause in the median. The driver might then be on the left, right, or angled in the median. See my second request form for median issues.
3. A driver paused in median to continue north onto Front Gate must look to the right and faces the same challenge of gauging the speed of westbound traffic on FOP as it comes over the rise, which at 35 mph forces quick decisions.
4. With the fast traffic on FOP, and with fast decisions by drivers on Front Gate, the intersection is unsafe for pedestrians crossing FOP.

Desired Outcome/Resolution

1. 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.
2. Install "All-Way" stop signs. This will give the Front Gate traffic a chance to exit without inordinate waiting and with less risk. Treat the intersection like that at Dietz Elkhorn - Square Gate and install two flashing signs on FOP. The Square Gate intersection appears to have less traffic, yet it warrants stop signs.
3. Consider performing a traffic study for more guidance.
4. Install proper signage to help pedestrians at this intersection. Lower the speed limit to reduce speeds.

STAFF REPORT

Public Works Comments

1. Consider utilizing "suggested speed limit" signs from the crest of the hill to IH-10 westbound and placement of an intersection ahead warning sign.
2. An all-way stop sign would potentially cause more congestion and delay of traffic flow on Fair Oaks Parkway.
3. Pedestrian crossing on Fair Oaks Parkway is not encouraged. If Committee decides to address pedestrian crossing at Front Gate and Fair Oaks Parkway, more information is warranted as to proposed signage location.

Public Safety Comments

There are many streets that enter Fair Oaks Pkwy between IH-10 and Ralph Fair Road. Considering the importance in keeping traffic flowing on Fair Oaks Parkway, stop signs would reduce the flow and add congestion. No traffic incident of excessive speed or engineering concerns have been reported.

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

Speed limit, stop, and pedestrian sign(s) and installation.

COMMITTEE ACTION / MOTION

I move to recommend