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**Subject:** Letter Requesting Town of Hillsborough Assistance with Hwy70 Crosswalk Safety Concerns

Stephanie,

Please find attached a letter from the Forest Ridge HOA Board of Directors requesting the Town's assistance in advocating with the NCDOT for safety improvements to the crosswalks across Hwy 70A. We appreciate your assistance in presenting this request to the Town Commission for review and possible approval. Please let us know what further the Board should do to have this dangerous situation looked at for possible improvements for pedestrian safety.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Mike Barritt  
HOA President, Forest Ridge

25 September 2023

Forest Ridge HOA

To: The Honorable Jennifer Weaver, Mayor of the Town of Hillsborough  
Mayor Pro Tem Matt Hughes  
Commissioner Evelyn Lloyd  
Commissioner Mark Bell  
Commissioner Kathleen Ferguson  
Commissioner Rob English

From: The Forest Ridge Homeowners Association

This letter is to alert you to a dangerous situation for Hillsborough citizens who reside at Forest Ridge, Fiori Hills, and Eno Haven Apartments, and who participate in activities at the Orange County Sportsplex and Passmore Senior Center. This letter is to enlist your support and assistance to convince the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to improve the safety of the crosswalks for this segment of Highway 70A.

Discussion:

Every day, cars exceed the posted speed limit of 40 mph on Highway 70A between Lawrence Road and Hwy 86, especially in the westbound direction and in the vicinity of the Sportsplex, Forest Ridge, Fiori Hills, and Eno Haven Apartments. The Hillsborough Police Department periodically set up speed checks along this stretch of road. Further, site visibility is limited due to hills and trees. Perhaps most concerning is the flagrant disregard for pedestrians crossing at the two established crosswalks across Highway 70A at Prestwood Drive and Quincy Cottage Road. Numerous people, including children and seniors, cross this busy road to reach the Sportsplex and the Passmore Senior Center. We are certain it will only be a matter of time before someone is struck by a vehicle. Therefore, we are asking the Town of Hillsborough for assistance and involvement with reaching out to the NCDOT, requesting that this situation with the crosswalks be reviewed and studied for possible safety improvements. Specifically, the residents would like to have additional signage installed, including the addition of flashing lights when a person is about to cross the highway. Further, a reduction in the speed limit should be considered.

We feel the involvement and advocacy of the Town of Hillsborough behind this request will provide weight with the NCDOT to treat this request with the priority and urgency it deserves.

Thank you for your concern and support,

The Forest Ridge Homeowners Association Board of Directors