



AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE:	November 3, 2026	Regular <i>Robert Dell-Ross</i>
DEPARTMENT:	Public Works	Sara Leaders, Community Development and Public Works Director
SECTION OF AGENDA:	Reports & Presentations	November 2, 2026
AGENDA ITEM TITLE:	Presentation – Update on Hopewell Road Traffic Calming	
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:	The purpose of this item is to present a potential quick response project for Traffic Calming along Hopewell Road	
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	There is no financial impact for this presentation. If the project proceeds to construction, TSPLOST II funds for project string TS2-2515 can be utilized.	
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Provide feedback for the Hopewell Road Traffic Calming project	

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The current speed on Hopewell Road inside the City Limits of Milton is 45 mph. Once traffic crosses into the City Limits of Alpharetta, the speed limit drops to 35 MPH. There are currently existing sidewalks located along the frontage of both Vickery Crest and Hopewell Place subdivisions. The existing sidewalk connects to the sidewalk at the city line at Alpharetta. There is not a safe place to cross the roadway along this section of Hopewell Road to access both subdivisions.

The Local Road Safety Plan that was approved by Mayor and Council in 2022 identified this location along Hopewell Road as a potential location for traffic calming devices and pedestrian enhancements. The residents of Vickery Crest and Hopewell Place have submitted numerous requests for speed reduction and a place for pedestrians to safely cross Hopewell Road along this southern section of the City of Milton.

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The residents from Vickery Crest and Hopewell Place Subdivisions reached out to the city of Milton in 2025 requesting speed reductions and the addition of a pedestrian crossing. The current posted speed of 45 MPH would not be able to be reduced without an engineering traffic study and working with GDOT through the state-required process for evaluating speed limits. The current studies show that the speeds are likely too high to receive GDOT approval for a speed limit reduction. The current studies show the 85% Percentile speed to be 48 MPH.

In addition, two cautionary electronic speed signs were added near the subdivision entrances to help alert drivers of their speed exceeding the speed limit. The city also was able to remove 2 large trees on ROW that blocked the sight line for oncoming traffic at the entrances. These initiatives have helped slow down traffic and increase safety at both subdivision entrances.

There have been 5 (five) documented crashes between 2015 to 2024. Three of these crashes were a minor injury and two were property damage only.



STAFF ANALYSIS:

The proposed traffic calming devices will help with a perceived narrowing of the roadway to vehicles and help reduce the existing speed along this section of Hopewell Road. The raised concrete median is proposed to be installed at 4 locations between the city of Alpharetta City Limit line and just north of Hopewell Place Drive. Stamped concrete medians would vary between 4' to 8' wide. At an additional cost, this portion of Hopewell Road could be restriped with narrower travel lanes which would increase the width of the medians and allow landscaping.

In addition, a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) is proposed to be installed just south of the left turn lane off Hopewell Road onto Hopewell Place Drive. This location will provide enough separation between the Hopewell Place Drive and Southfield Lane to provide a safe pedestrian crossing with ample sight distance for both pedestrians and vehicles along Hopewell Road.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact for this presentation. If the project proceeds to construction, TSPLOST II funds for project string TS2-2515 can be utilized. Staff's estimate for construction cost is \$125,000-\$200,000 depending on whether landscaping is included.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

Option 1: Authorize staff to proceed to construction plan development and prepare an Invitation to Bid.

Option 2: Defer authorization for further review of the scope and costs or evaluate another approach to providing potential traffic calming measures.

LEGAL AND REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS:

There are no legal or regulatory considerations for this potential project in this presentation.

OPERATIONAL IMPACT:

If this project proceeds to construction plans and construction bidding, traffic control measures can be installed that will help slow down traffic along Hopewell Road. Upon installation additional engineering studies can be completed to potentially submit requests to GDOT to reduce the speed to 35 MPH along this section of Hopewell Road.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER IMPACT:

The installation of the traffic calming measures would help with speed reduction and the installation of the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) would increase safety for pedestrians to cross Hopewell Road between the Vickery Crest and Hopewell Place subdivisions.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:

Aligns with Strategic Priority #1, Goal #5: Implement transportation infrastructure that meets current needs, accounts for future growth, and allows residents to travel through Milton in a calm, safe, and efficient manner.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize staff to move forward with construction plan preparation.

REVIEWS & APPROVALS:

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