



**CITY OF POQUOSON**

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May 9, 2016

TO: Mayor & City Council  
FROM: City Manager  
SUBJECT: **Traffic Concerns**

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As Council will recall, at your April 11, 2016 meeting Councilman Green asked the staff to review what might be done to address traffic safety issues that have been the subject of numerous complaints and expressions of concern from residents of Terrace Drive in proximity to Poquoson High School. Specifically, the concerns include failure to yield at the posted yield sign, speeding and short cutting the existing traffic island and yield sign whereby traffic moving toward the High School travels to the left side of the established median in the oncoming traffic lane. Staff has reviewed these concerns and offers the following recommendations 1) that the double yellow line be repainted and extended from the island to the existing stop sign at Odd Road; 2) that the existing yield sign be upgraded to two stop signs; and 3) that a stop bar be painted at the upgraded intersection. The proposed improvements are depicted on the attached diagram. The cost of these improvements is estimated to be approximately \$1,300 and can be funded with existing, appropriated VDOT road maintenance funding.

A second traffic concern the Council may wish to consider is the installation of an all-way stop at the intersection of Bunting Lane and Floyd Avenue. As Council may recall, the issue of potential traffic calming measures on Bunting Lane was previously brought to the Council's attention by Councilwoman Crawford who cited numerous citizen complaints and expressions of concern regarding speeding on Bunting Lane. The installation of an all way stop is a low cost, less impactful traffic calming method as compared to the installation of speed bumps or changes to the road configuration. The cost of these improvements, which includes the addition of two stop signs in addition to the existing stop sign on Floyd Avenue and painting stop bars, is estimated to be approximately \$575 and can be funded with existing, appropriated VDOT road maintenance funding. The proposed improvements are depicted on the enclosed diagram.

Staff is seeking consent from City Council regarding the conversion of the existing intersection on Terrace Drive and the installation of an all-way stop at the intersection of Bunting Lane and Floyd Avenue.

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Attachments

April 10, 2016

Dear Poquoson City Council,

As concerned citizens of Terrace Drive and South Terrace Drive, we are asking that the City of Poquoson consider a revision to the traffic pattern in our neighborhood. Currently, the intersection of these two streets is marked by a yield sign located in a concrete median in the middle of the street. The yield is for traffic traveling from South Terrace Drive to Terrace Drive. This route is a common short cut for people traveling from Odd Road to Poquoson Avenue and vice versa. There are several issues involving traffic flow in this area, particularly at the intersection of these two streets, that we feel create significant safety issues.

First of all, the **speed** at which vehicles pass through the neighborhood traveling in both directions, from South Terrace Drive to Terrace Drive and from Terrace Drive to South Terrace Drive, is at times excessive.

Secondly, a number of drivers **fail to yield** at the the yield sign when traveling South Terrace Drive to Terrace Drive.

Thirdly, some drivers do not pass to the right of the median when traveling from Terrace Drive to South Terrace Drive, but instead, pass to the left of the median **traveling on the wrong side of the road** into oncoming traffic.

There are a number of people that routinely walk and jog on both of these streets. We also have a large number of children in the neighborhood, so there are frequently children riding bicycles on the street. Many of the children ride their bikes back and forth to Kids Island. In addition, several of the bus routes have stops at this intersection and children have to cross the street to walk home. The problems create a very serious safety risk for our residents in all of these situations. Multiple "close calls" have been witnessed at this intersection over the years.

**We would like to request the following revisions:**

First, we would like to request the **yield sign be replaced with a stop sign** for traffic traveling from South Terrace to Terrace. Also, in an effort to draw as much attention to the change as possible, we would ask that two stop signs be installed, one in the median where the current yield sign is located and a second one on the right shoulder.

Secondly, we would like to request a **stop bar** be painted on the street from stop sign to stop sign.

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Thirdly, we would like to request an increased police presence to enforce the new regulation after a reasonable amount of time has passed to allow drivers to become aware of the change.

We believe the combination of these three actions should help reduce the speed of vehicles through the neighborhood as well as encourage drivers to remain in the proper lane of traffic when traveling through the intersection.

We thank you in advance for your consideration of these issues.

Sincerely,

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Peggy H Scott	PEGGY SCOTT	12 TERRACE DR
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Jay Burnett	Tracy Burnett	18 Terrace Dr
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Linda D Gardner	Linda D Gardner	32 Terrace Dr.
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**CITY OF POQUOSON**  
**Department of Public Works**

Date: April 25, 2016

**COST ESTIMATE FOR INSTALLATION OF PAVEMENT MARKINGS & STOP  
SIGNS AT INTERSECTION OF BUNTING LANE & FLOYD AVENUE**

The following is a cost estimate for the installation of the proposed traffic pavement markings and STOP signs at the intersection of Bunting Lane & Floyd Avenue.

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| • Total of 45' of 4-inch (Yellow) line markings –<br>@ .41 cent per ft. | \$18.45         |
| • Total of 27' of 24-inch (White) STOP Bar –<br>@ \$4.00 per ft.        | \$108.00        |
| • Total of three (3) STOP signs (Installed) –<br>@ \$150.00 ea.         | <u>\$450.00</u> |

Total cost estimate for above = **\$576.45**

**\*\*NOTE:** The above is a cost estimate only.

**\*\*NOTE:** The right hand turn radius from Floyd Avenue onto Bunting Lane will be very tight, especially if there is a stopped vehicle in the North bound lane of Bunting Lane.



Floyd Avenue

Bunking Lane

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Date: April 6, 2016

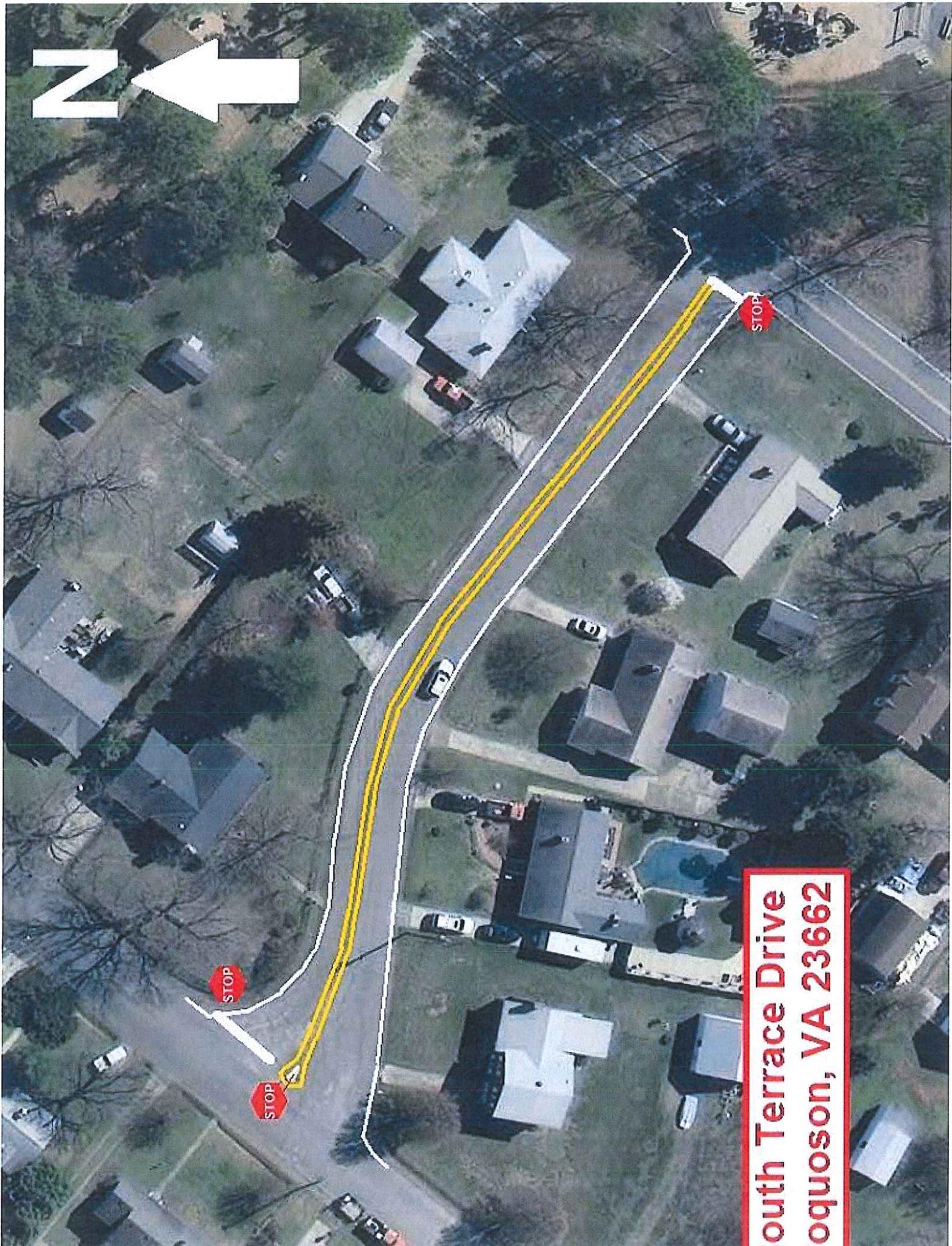
**COST ESTIMATE FOR INSTALLATION OF PAVEMENT MARKINGS & STOP  
SIGNS ON SOUTH TERRACE DRIVE**

The following is a cost estimate for the installation of the proposed traffic pavement markings and STOP signs on South Terrace Drive.

- Total of 1621' of 4-inch (White & Yellow) line markings – \$664.61  
@ .41 cent per ft.
- Total of 46' of 24-inch (White) STOP Bar – \$184.00  
@ \$4.00 per ft.
- Total of three (3) STOP signs (Installed) – \$450.00  
@ \$150.00 ea.

Total cost estimate for above = **\$1,298.61**

**\*\*NOTE:** The above is a cost estimate only.



**South Terrace Drive  
Coquoson, VA 23662**