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From: Christina Smith <chsmith517@outlook.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2024 11:13 AM

To: Christina Smith <csmith@marsk12.org>

Subject: Weatherburn-Eagle Ridge







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From: Jeff Winkle <jwinkle@middlesextownship.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2024 12:23 PM
To: Christina Smith <csmith@marsk12.org>
Cc: Nick Archacki <nick@ajmyersandsons.net>
Subject: RE: Weatherburn-Eagle Ridge

Christina,

I requested the Police do a drive thru today and talk to the contractors about parking correctly keeping in mind not to block travel lanes.



Jeffrey Winkle
Transportation Manager

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Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 3:06 PM
To: Mars Transportation <transportation@marsk12.org>
Subject: Re: Field Stone Ridge

Hi Christina!

The last house is done as fyi. Not sure if anything else has changed but hope all has been well!

Mike Grant
412.789.6827

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Mars, PA 16046
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From: Mike <grant2020@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 3:15 PM
To: Mars Transportation <transportation@marsk12.org>
Subject: Re: Field Stone Ridge

Thank you! That was very kind of you to do that.

we do prohibit it HOA excerpt included below. i am thinking because you have a few people getting decks installed and one other who recently just started a pool, there was heavier traffic today.

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10.15. All driveways on a Lot 1
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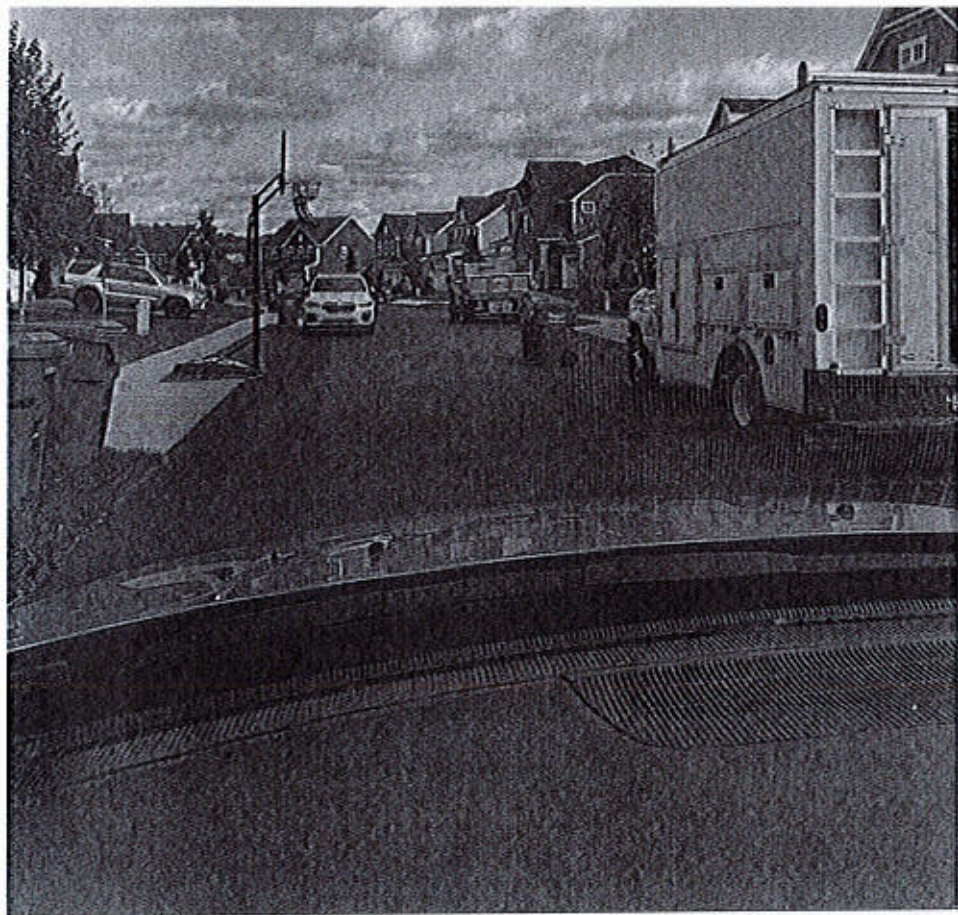
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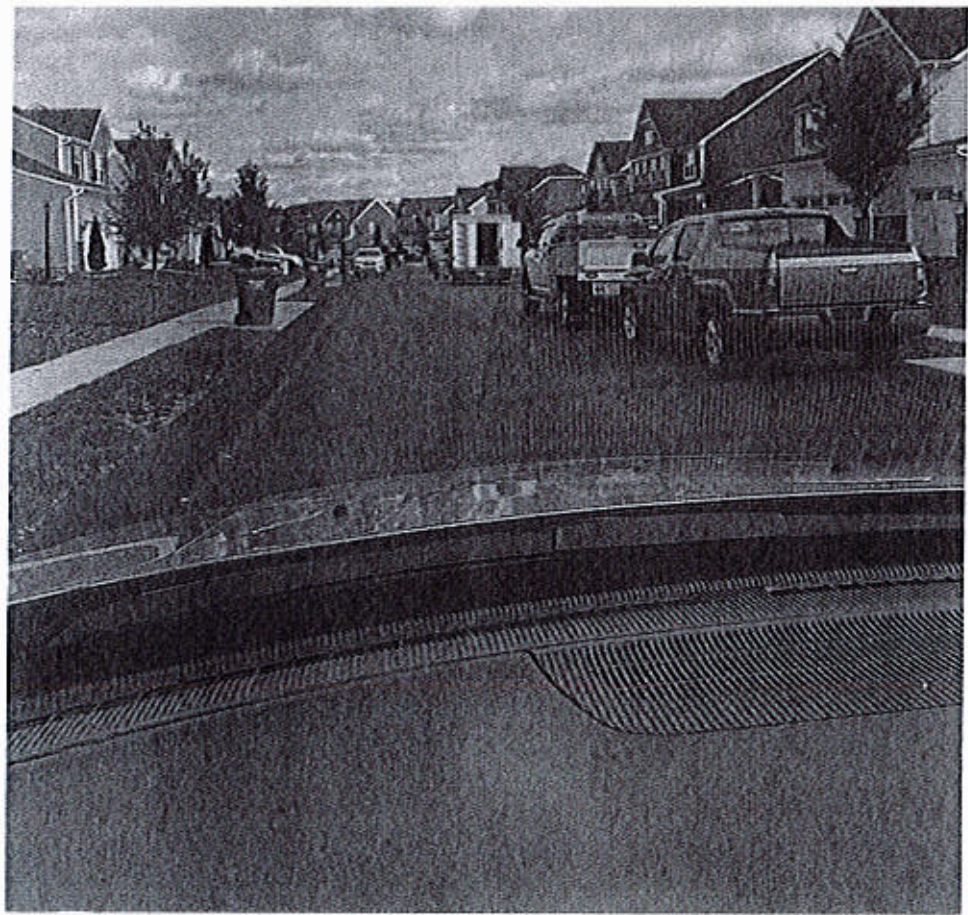
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The students residing on the new portions of the plan will have to utilize stops that are not within the construction limits. Once construction has been completed we will reevaluate bus stop locations.

Thank you

newly developed Amherst Village (Phase 2) off of Main Street. The bus stop is more than
over 0.7 miles away and that didn't seem right. It appears we got lumped into the original Amherst Village
(Phase 1) stops. Is there a bus stop for houses on Blackrock Blvd that we can get switched to? This is a
new construction neighborhood with houses being completed almost daily so I'm sure this issue will
arise with others as they get settled in. Please advise what options we have.

Thanks in advance!

Eric Ramsey

that the bus company, on several occasions. We brought a bus over to navigate the plan and see what options could be available. The dynamics of the housing plan are not conducive to the capabilities of a bus. There is only one way in and one way out of the plan for a bus because of the grading on Dwellington Dr, it cannot support a bus going in and out off of Rt 8, the bus scrapes the road. So we cannot have a stop at Tanglewood Dr off of Dwellington. It is difficult to service that part of the neighborhood because the bus would have to use a cul-de sac as a turnaround. Your neighborhood would have to post no parking signs and it would have to be enforced or buses could get stuck without a way out. The bus cannot navigate Dwellington Dr further up because the road is too narrow to navigate the circle. The dynamics of the plan leave very little options as far as additional bus stops. While I understand the potential hazards the increased parent traffic poses, the District does not have any control over on street parking inside the neighborhood. Perhaps the neighborhood should discuss ways in which to limit it. The situation is not ideal but we have to work inside the limitations of the geography of the plan. I am sorry I do not have better answer at this time.

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From: Jessica Simpson <jmm162@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 7:03 PM
To: Mars Transportation <transportation@marsk12.org>
Subject: Re: Buss 22 afternoon stop-Dwellington Drive

I'm sorry I should specify it in the elementary bus time at 3:52 arrival

We know you guys do the best, you can and have the most money, please

Thank you for all you do!

Jessica Simpson

Sent from my iPhone

not to impede the bus turning around.

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From: Dr. Mark Gross <mgross@marsk12.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 12:41 PM
To: Christina Smith <csmith@marsk12.org>
Cc: Gary Peaco <gpeaco@adamstwp.org>
Subject: FW: Sienna Village 2

Hi Christina:

Please review the attached and let Gary and me know your thoughts relative to bus service.

Thank you,
Mark

*Dr. Mark A. Gross, Superintendent
Mars Area School District
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Subject: Re: Sienna Village 2

We are proposing that Sherwood would be public and all other streets in Middlesex would be private. We will take this to Middlesex for their comments once we know Adams is agreeable to the idea.

Steven Victor
Victor Wetzel Associates
412-741-2290 office

From: Gary Peaco <gpeaco@adamstwp.org>
Date: Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 5:04 PM
To: Steve Victor <svictor@vwla.net>
Cc: code <code@adamstwp.org>
Subject: Sienna Village 2

Hi Steven,
Got your message. Can you provide a sketch so I can pass it around? Sounds like it could work.
Thanks,

Gary A. Peaco
Manager, Adams Township
Butler County
690 Valencia Road
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