



Pleasant Plains Community Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2021
Meeting Minutes Recorded By: Ashley Twigg

Nestor Flores, Chief, Traffic Engineering Division, AACO
Eric Tabacek - Area Engineer, Traffic Engineering Division, AACO
Dan Anderson - DPW Engineering, AACO
Debbie Russell - DPW Engineering, AACO
Marcus Tadros - DPW Engineering, AACO
Pam Scarbro - Councilwoman Amanda Fiedler District 5 Legislative Aide, AACO
Reece Peake - Office of County Executive, AACO
Anne Powell - Resident, Millvale Rd
Patricia Lynch - Resident
Peter Dixon - President, Burley Creek Community Association
John Gough - Resident
John Joynes - Resident
David Wright - BGE, External Affairs

Nestor Flores

- Design is complete for 179 @ Pleasant Plains Rd
- Nestor is having difficulty having SHA attend these update meetings. He will continue to keep them in the loop on what is discussed. Asked that Pam Scarbro reach out to SHA.
- Ponding/freezing Cherry Rd - Made request for Dan and Debbie to piggyback this project onto the capital project request for the pole relocation.
- Nestor drove the S-Curve and did not see any issues where the trees were not trimmed. He will drive this again with Mr. Joynes to confirm where the limbs, etc. are needed to be removed

Dan Anderson

- Ponding/freezing on Cherry Rd has been added to the capital project request. No work can begin until this is approved. The County Executive will have to introduce it as part of the FY23 budget and the county council will have to approve it. July 1, 2022 is when the budget will be approved.

Debbie Russell

- Consultant has completed obtaining surveys. They are in the process of obtaining the property right-of-way lines. Meeting occurred with utility companies back in October to evaluate the pre-design for the location of the poles. They are waiting for the utility company to get back to them at this time. She expects to have starting discussions with the utility companies at a meeting tomorrow and will report the progress back to the group at the next meeting. The poles are owned by BGE and Verizon.

Community Comments

If you've now changed the project and added the ponding/freezing on Cherry Rd to the pole relocation project, does that mean that the entire project gets pushed to 2023? No, just the issue of ponding/freezing on Cherry Rd.

It looks like a "roadside clear zone" has been delineated on the map that Debbie provided from the engineering firm. Can this be defined? Is it being kept clear? The clear zone is defined by the AASHTO, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, which are the guidelines used for AACo. Based on the function class and speed limit of the road, certain spacing is required on the road to allow for vehicle recovery, etc. For this road, a minimum of 6 feet of clear zone is required. The clear zone is measured from the edge of the road. The consultant has proposed these zones on the drawing.

Have there been any discussions with the farmers? Are they aware that any of this work is taking place? We have not reached out to the farmers yet as the planning is still in the preliminary stages. Once we know what the plan is and what the designs are going to be, it will then be presented to the property owners. Letters were sent to the adjacent property owners advising them of the project, but the details will be discussed once we have a final plan to present.

Where the road sign clearance zone is, there is a tree within a couple feet of the roadway. Is this being addressed? Can it be removed? The tree is a fallen tree. It was buried in the grasses and when they were removed it is now exposed. Nestor will reach out to the property owner to have it removed. AACo Road Operations may be able to do this as well. Tree is on the sod farm side between Hidden Point and Millvale.

Is there any update from the Coles for when they are going to get around to trimming their side of the road? Eric is going to reach back out to them tomorrow to determine this. Their soybeans are not yet harvested, so they may not yet be ready.

Flashing light was installed on the north side of the S-Curve. The flashing light is crooked. Nestor will have traffic maintenance to realign the light.