

Houghton Road, Northern Segment: Tanque Verde Road to 22nd Street
 Public Meeting; Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008
 Gridley Middle School
 Comment Summary

Roadway/Traffic	Drainage	Environmental	Art and Landscape	Construction/ Time Phasing	General Comments
Comments Received at the Public Meeting					
Speed Limit? Air-brake zone? Double turn lanes into one lane anywhere?					
					I represent Pantano Christian Church at 29th Street and Houghton Road. I would like the information regarding the plan that will directly impact the intersections at our church.
The left-hand turns out of the Camino del Oeste neighborhood are difficult and dangerous. What can be done to provide for better left-turn access onto Houghton Road? Presently, the lights at Broadway Boulevard and 22nd Street are timed such that it is nearly impossible because of oncoming traffic to safely make a left turn.					
A break is required between Kennington Avenue, McCalester and Calle del Este in Eastpointe Estates II for traffic traveling north.					
I recommend adopting Michigan left turns. No left turns at intersections with turn bays just beyond the intersections. If you really want to move traffic through the intersection this saves 30 seconds or more per light change. Thanks.		The Rancho del Este area strongly wants sound walls. It seems that because we are not foothills property we are being slighted. Rubberized treatment only marginally helps with noise abatement. This is an important issue with our subdivision due to prevailing west winds that carry sound our way. The decibel level is already intolerable. Please don't take this lightly. Thanks.			
There are only outlets at Eastpointe Estates II. Both are going to be taking lefts on the proposal to go north. This traffic, and those leaving McCalester, will be combined to add more cars making U-turns to go north. Please look into making another break before having to go that far. Calle de Este is too far for the turnaround.					

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					<p>I am excited that this is starting. I appreciate your efforts as I know how involved this project is. My down-side is that I live in Rita Ranch. My up-side is I work at 29th Street and Houghton Road.</p> <p>P.S. Don't let the nay sayers get you down.</p>
<p>Also, off both Speedway Boulevard and Houghton Road there are many housing developments that have few or only one access point onto Houghton Road and Speedway Boulevard. How will traffic be controlled to allow commuter rush hour traffic access to these main thoroughfares?</p>				<p>We are concerned of the commuter traffic impact and construction timing of the work being done conceivably on both Houghton Road and Speedway Boulevard at the same time.</p>	<p>We live between Houghton Road and Harrison Road south of Speedway Boulevard.</p>
<p>Please consider avoiding a left-hand turn onto Houghton Road southbound at Camino Quince. People dropping kids off at Soleng Tom Elementary School do not adhere to the traffic routes dictated by Soleng Tom. Traffic will back up on Camino Quince and become a danger to the northbound Houghton Road traffic as individuals race across Houghton Road.</p> <p>Please remember that people in support of this left-hand turn noted above may not live on Camino Quince or its connecting streets. Speed is also a problem down Camino Quince and Los Reyes during school drop-off and pick-up hours.</p>					
<p>Six-lane, divided road is needed. Limit the signals and median openings to improve efficiency.</p>					<p>Good plan.</p>
		<p>Put all the electric power lines and poles underground to make it more scenic! WAPA lines don't fit in with a scenic corridor concept.</p>			

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Regarding the shift of Houghton Road to the east between Packard and 5th Street (where several homes on the west side want to retain their access road): I am concerned that this shift will adversely impact the homes on the east side of the street in my development, Sienna. One gentleman I spoke with thought that the greenway/sidewalk would be reduced on the east side to accommodate this shift. This would put Houghton Road closer to the Sienna homes than it would be in any other part of the development.		Would you be able to discuss what is planned to mitigate the negative impacts for the homeowners on both the east and west sides in this area?		Also, is the traffic volume lower at the northern end of Houghton Road versus the southern end? Does this have any impact on how development is planned? If so, how and what?	Thank you for providing a forum regarding the Houghton Road Northern Segment developments on February 12. I have a couple concerns.
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